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FOOD BANK PLEA AS DEMAND RISES

BY JORDAN HARRIS

A HEDNESFORD food bank boss has admitted it is struggling to cope and currently has its 'lowest ever stock'.

The Pye Green Christian Centre usually stocks around 10 tonnes of food but currently has just 4.4 and is desperate for help from residents

The plea comes after a visit from Green Party co-leader Jonathan Bartley who said homelessness was a 'hidden problem' in Cannock Chase.

The centre has handed out nearly 16 tonnes of food this year helping more than 2,300 people in the district. However their current supplies are at the lowest since launching in 2012.

Adam Tilsley, manager in training at the food bank in Pye Green Road, said: "We currently have our lowest ever amount of stock, which is a major concern.

"It goes without saying that the knock-on effect of this is potentially extreme. We would really encourage people to donate to our cause.

"We are in particular need of pasta, rice, tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned soup and rice pudding, these are key for any foodbank.

Gambling

"We are struggling and need the public's help to combat this problem, so I would appeal for anyone who can support us to do so."

Anyone wishing to donate can visit the centre Monday to Saturday between 9am and 5pm, or alternatively visit a drop-off point at Tesco in either Hednesford and Heath Hayes.

On a visit to the centre, Mr Bartley was told cuts to drug and alcohol services, as well as an increase in gambling addictions among other factors, were draining their supplies.

The food bank also listed delays in benefits payments as well as an increase of single people due to family breakdowns as reasons for a rise in demand.

Mr Bartley said his visit was 'completely inspiring' in relation to the work staff had been doing to help homeless people.

He also added that single males in particular appear to be 'at the bottom of the list' when it comes to receiving help and called for more to be done to support them.

He was joined on his visit to the centre by Cannock Chase district councillor Paul Woodhead. Mr Woodhead said that the 'joined up approach' between the county council, district council and NHS to tackle the problem isn't helping people who are being 'shifted around the system'.

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GROOM HAS NO TRUCK WITH CONVENTIONAL STYLE

Matthew Yates and Samantha Breknell were married. Here they are pictured with Kelsey Yates, 5

A HAPPY couple marked their big day in an unusual style – when the groom arrived in one of the most powerful trucks on the road.

Matthew Yates and Samantha Brecknell tied the knot at St James The Great Church in Norton Canes.

While Samantha, 29, took a traditional approach and arrived in a white Austin Princess Vanden Plas limousine her husband-to-be made his own eye-catching entrance.

Matthew was dropped off in a Scania V8 R730 donned a personalised 'MAT 1' licence plate. The ride in the truck, which has a specialist paint job paying tribute to notorious highwayman Dick Turpin, was a gift from Mick Aldridge, a friend of the couple – and coincided with Matthew's love of big trucks.

After a tight squeeze down the narrow cul-de-sac which houses the church, the couple pledged their love to one another in a ceremony led by Father Neil Hibbins.

Speaking before the ceremony Matthew, 23, who works in logistics, said: "I am feeling nervous but really excited. It was definitely a fun experience being dropped off in the truck.

"There were a lot of looks and a lot of photos being taken but I don't mind, it's my wedding day so I think I am allowed to do something a bit special," he said.

The bride and groom will now go on a week long honeymoon in Rome. Mick owns the van as part of his work for his company Mick Aldridge Transport.

CONSULTATION

The cows may come home after survey

HUNDREDS of people have submitted views on a moove to bring back cows to Cannock Chase.

Staffordshire County Council said it has received more than 300 responses to its consultation on how it can continue to look after the beauty spot. The authority said there was 'support' for the current methods used to maintain the Chase such as cutting heather and thinning trees as well as the idea to re-introduce cattle.

The responses are now being compiled, with formal recommendations to come.

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COURTS

Couple admit selling counterfeit perfume

A BURNTWOOD couple who sold counterfeit perfume containing dangerous levels of methanol among other substances have been given an 18-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay costs of over £1,000.

Paul Adams, aged 46, and Louise Caunt, 38, both of Oakdene Road, pleaded guilty at North Staffordshire Magistrates Court to 12 trademark offences. If genuine, the goods would have a retail value of £175,000.

TRAINS

Passengers face Sunday closures

PASSENGERS are being reminded that the Chase Line between Rugeley Trent Valley and Tame Bridge Parkway will be closed for the next three Sundays while Network Rail continues to upgrade the route.

Buses will replace trains on September 17 and 24 and on Sunday, October 1.

Martin Tiller, of Network Rail, said: "The Sunday closures have been carefully planned with London Midland."

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TV documentary highlights medics' pain

Mick Johnson – prominent

THE latest instalment of hit TV documentary Ambulance proved to be the most emotional yet, with viewers shown first-hand the impact that losing patients has on staff.

Last Thursday's episode – the third in the eight-part BBC series – focused heavily on Staffordshire and its growing elderly population as well as the added pressures which that brings to West Midlands Ambulance Service.

Almost half of the calls the service receives are from patients over the age of 70. Fittingly, crew member Mick Johnson, 71, who retired from the service only to return, featured prominently. One of the first incidents involved him and colleague Dave Minard as they were called out to 75-year-old Denise who had suffered a serious heart attack.

The ambulance made a dash weaving in and out of traffic trying to get her to the specialist cardiac unit at Royal Stoke 16 miles away where on arrival doctors worked to unblock her arteries.

Meanwhile, Mick comforted the woman's distraught husband John.

He said: "I would imagine you've had a lot of challenges during your marriage over the years, this is another one, and it's going in the right direction at the moment."

But viewers were kept in anxious anticipation of the outcome until the end of the episode when it was confirmed Denise had died. The pain was etched all over the face of Mick who was clearly moved by the news.

In another call-out he was dispatched again, this time to 56-year-old Paul who had suffered a cardiac arrest.

But he died with an order in place not to resuscitate. There was nothing more that could be done by crews other than to console the family.

'Vital' triumph as Labour tightens hold on council

LABOUR has declared it was 'vital' to secure control of Cannock Chase Council so bosses can continue dealing with HS2, delivering Mill Green and improving railway stations.

In two by-elections, the party's Linda Tait scooped the Hednesford Green Heath seat taking their overall tally to 21 out of 41.

The balance of power had been on a knife edge following the recent decision by Councillor Maureen Freeman to leave Labour and go independent. The Tories have 13 seats.

In the other contested seat, for Hednesford South, the Greens' Stuart Crabtree earned his party's second councillor in the council chamber alongside Paul Woodhead.

Council leader George Adamson said: "It was vital we solidified control.

"We have got important things coming up such as dealing with HS2 and the fact it will slow down building at Rugeley Power Station, bringing Mill Green online and the Chase Line electrification.

Personal

"We don't want to have to negotiate with a load of independents when making important decisions."

Councillor Adamson was, however, left disappointed on a personal note when he lost out on securing the Staffordshire County Council division of Rawnsley, which was also up for grabs on Thursday.

In a tight contest the Conservatives' Bryan Jones emerged victorious with 1,484 votes to Councillor Adamson's 1,454.

Meanwhile, the Greens' Paul Woodhead earned a respectable share of 1,316 in third place, prompting claims he 'cost' a seat for Labour from Councillor Adamson.

Councillor Woodhead said: "I am hugely excited by the progress we are making across the whole community, and whilst it is disappointing to just miss out, I will continue to work hard both as a councillor in Hednesford South on the district council as well as for our whole community."

Artist revs up for celebration Joyride

A clay replica of the final Rover 75 to leave the Longbridge car plant will be released down the temporary ramp

FINAL preparations are being made for Joyride – a celebration of the automotive industry in the West Midlands – later this month.

The 'one-off live event' will take place at the Tackeroo Site on Cannock Chase on the evening of Saturday, September 30 between 5.30pm and 8pm. At dusk, artist Keith Harrison will release a clay replica of the final Rover 75 to leave the Longbridge car plant in Birmingham, down a temporary 10-metre ramp.

Joyride will be accompanied by a specially commissioned soundtrack and radio transmission that the audience will be able to tune in to.

The artist was awarded a major £30,000 commission through the most recent edition of Jerwood Open Forest, an initiative established by Forestry Commission England and Jerwood Charitable Foundation.

Admission is free for all pedestrians but booking is essential. A minibus will be available from either of the Rugeley stations to the site. On-site parking is £5 per car.

The event will feature a specially commissioned soundtrack and radio transmission

Deliberate fires drop after launch of campaign

STAFFORDSHIRE Fire and Rescue Service has reported a drop in the number of deliberate fires.

The service found there were only 87 reported incidents of deliberate fires in open and disused buildings in August, compared to 174 the month before. This down form the 165 incidents reported in August 2016.

The decrease has been attributed to the Flames Aren't Games campaign, which targets teenagers and warns them to stay out of trouble for the school holidays.

A full evaluation of the campaign is yet to take place, but Director of Prevent and Protect Glynn Luznyj said: "Thankfully, we have seen a significant reduction in the number of deliberate fires in August.

"Although the video is at the heart of the campaign, it is just one element of it. We have supported numerous fun activities held around the county throughout the summer holidays, which have been delivered with partner organisations. I'd like to recognise the fantastic local work that our teams have done with partners to engage with young people to help reduce anti-social behaviour and arson."

During the summer, the number of incidents typically increase and earlier this summer of these types of fires had tripled in Staffordshire.

Dutch star gives keyboard concert

A DUTCH keyboard star holds the key to a night of entertainment in Burntwood next week. Organist Dirkjan Ranzijn is the guest of Burntwood Music For All on Thursday, September 21.

Ranzijn has recently become something of a celebrity in Holland through his Saturday night appearances on the 'Jopie Parlevlietshow'. He is also regularly seen on Danish and German TV.

Typical shows include music from the likes of Andre Rieu, Frank Sinatra, Abba, Queen and Les Miserables. He has even had a track in the Danish top 10.

The show is at 7.30pm at the Burntwood Memorial Institute Hall, Rugeley Road, with tickets at £6.50. There is a licensed bar and interval refreshments. Call 01530 274270 or visit www.midlandsmusicforall.co.uk

Eight-mile ramble

CHASE Ramblers head off on an easy eight-mile walk on Sunday from Coton in the Elms. The meeting point is Hednesford railway station Car park, Anglesey Street, for prompt 9am departure. Call Jen or Tom on 01889 586168 for more details.

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M6 junction work 'will bring 4,000 new jobs'

A NEW Junction 10 of the M6 is being touted as a way of unlocking up to 4,206 new jobs by tackling congestion in the region.

The claim has been made as a planning application for the replacement junction goes out for consultation.

Highways England and Walsall Council are behind the £64 million scheme that will see the roundabout bridges over the M6 demolished and replaced with two new curved four-lane bridges. It will also see the widening of the crossroads on the Black Country Route at the turn-off for Tempus Drive and Bloxwich Lane.

In a planning statement submitted as part of the planning application to Walsall Council's planning department, agent Mott Macdonald said the scheme was a 'transport priority' for local economic plans.

It said: "The Strategic Economic Plan proposes that there are 10 key employment sites within a 10-minute drive time of the junction which have the potential to unlock 4,206 new jobs as well as 2,585 new homes.

"The implications of the project not proceeding is that congestion and journey time reliability will be negatively impacted."

Ideas sought for best use of centre

RESIDENTS are asked for suggestions on how to utilise the Old Mining College, in Queen Street, Chasetown.

The town council is holding an open day on September 30, from 10am to 2pm. The centre is currently home to the town council offices, businesses, including Burntwood Live At Home, and has rooms, including a fully equipped IT suite, for hire.

It costs over £60,000 a year to run and the council is looking at ways to offset that cost. Anyone wishing to suggest an idea, but unable to make it on the day can call 01543 677166 or email info@burntwood-tc.gov.uk.

Reunion date for former colleagues

A REUNION has been arranged for former members of staff at Henry Venables in Stafford.

Ex-employees from both the offices and yard at the Doxey Road site, are welcome at the gathering, from 7pm on Friday, November 10, at the Sun Inn, Lichfield Road.

Further details on a Facebook site called 'Henry Venables Stafford Remembered' or email venniesreunion@gmail.com

Mental health crisis 'tip of iceberg' for force

POLICE officers in Staffordshire are spending thousands of hours tied up dealing with people suffering with mental health issues, the county's force says.

Officers responded to more than 3,000 incidents involving mental health patients in the county last year – up three-fold from 2012.

Some people ended up being locked ion police cells, even though they had not broken the law.

Officers say they are often spending most of their shift in A&Es or ambulances with the mentally ill because of a lack of beds or available care. Chief Constable Gareth Morgan and Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis say they would ban officers from locking up people with mental health problems in cells.

Mr Ellis said the number of mentally ill people ending up in custody had dropped by more than 80 per cent but that he has concerns the problem 'has spread elsewhere' and becoming 'hidden'.

He said: "The force has done really well on reducing the number of mentally ill people being detained in cells – but my concern now is that this was only a tiny part of the problem and now that it may have spread elsewhere.

"Anecdotally, officers are telling me they are spending many hours in A&E departments, in the back of ambulances, or just trying to calm someone down."

Mr Ellis has commissioned social justice charity Narco to carry out a major review into the state of mental health and public services in the county.

It follows his 2014 Staffordshire Report which first exposed how mental health patients were ending up in police cells.

The number of mentally ill people in custody in the country has fallen from 200 a year in 2012 to 30 last year.

He has also raised concerns about the 'crisis threshold' needed to trigger intervention by NHS mental health teams. West Midlands Police has seconded a senior officer to the West Midlands Combined Authority to develop a region-wide strategy on mental health for the Black Country, Birmingham, Solihull and Coventry.

Hundreds have say on how to manage Chase

MORE than 300 people, organisations and groups have had their say on how best to look after Cannock Chase's natural habitats.

Individuals, parish councils and wildlife charities are among those who have responded to proposals on how best to manage the land.

Initial engagement with those who use the Chase found support for current methods, including cutting heather and thinning trees, spraying and using controlled burning and also suggested exploring the use of a small herd of cattle to help manage the land naturally.

This latest consultation, which has just finished, focused on how this might work.

Grazing already takes place at many sites across the country, including Chasewater and Hednesford Hills, and on National Park land at the New Forest and the Peak District, and was common at Cannock Chase until it stopped during the First World War.

Passionate

Mark Winnington, Staffordshire County Council's cabinet member responsible for the consultation, said: "Cannock Chase is a special place for all of us, but it needs constant management to prevent it becoming overgrown with bracken, bramble and scrubland.

"I'm pleased so many people have responded, but I'm not surprised because people are passionate about the Chase and its future."

Responses from online surveys, letters and public events will now be pulled together and form the basis for discussions in the autumn which will be attended by parish councils and community organisations, recreational groups, local businesses and wildlife and heritage bodies.

Councillor Winnington added: "This is very much a consultation and I've heard a range of opinions already and I'm confident that we'll be able to find a way forward that manages the Chase for everyone's benefit and enjoyment."

Staffordshire County Council, RSPB and Natural England are working together to explore the future management of open habitats on Cannock Chase, as the county council looks to renew its management agreement next year.

The War Bride, both a theatre performance and a piece of moving visual art, is coming to Cannock this weekend

War Bride show will tell story of conflict

AN eye-catching show telling the story of Staffordshire's role in the First World War is touring the county.

The War Bride, created by costume designer Anna Lewis, is both a theatre performance and a piece of moving visual art.

It gives people a chance to take part in costume workshops, before joining actors in the final performances.

Themes explored include underage recruits, food shortages, miners on the Western Front, the military training camps on Cannock Chase, nurses and the changing role of women.

The production has been organised by Staffordshire County Council's archive and heritage service along with Imagineer Productions.

After performances in Burton-on-Trent today (Thursday) and Perton on Saturday the show will come to Cannock Chase Visitor Centre at 6pm on Sunday.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Accident woman trapped for hour

A WOMAN was trapped in a car for an hour following a road accident involving a lorry.

West Midlands Ambulance Service was called to Cannock Road, Featherstone, at 8.35pm on Monday.

A service spokesman said: "On arrival, crews discovered a woman, believed to be in her 20s, who was trapped in the passenger seat.

"She was assessed and treated for arm and chest injuries and taken on blue lights and sirens to Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham.

"A man, who managed to get himself out of the car, was uninjured in the incident," the spokesman added.

Three people hurt in A460 collision

THREE people were taken to hospital following a horror smash on a main road near to the M6 at Cannock.

Two cars were wrecked in the crash which shut the A460 Lodge Lane, next to the M6 Toll at Cheslyn Hay on Sunday. Fire crews cut off the roof off a Volkswagen as the Midland Air Ambulance touched down on the carriageway. The other car was left resting against a grass verge and suffered extensive damage.

The busy routewas closed following the crash at 12.30pm as emergency services worked at the scene.

Fan quits Twitter following outcry

A WALSALL supporter who pulled off a prank by claiming he booked a room on the Isle of Wight during an away trip to Portsmouth says he is quitting Twitter because of 'abuse'.

Davey Drew shared his apparent nightmare experience on social media, touching the hearts of many travelling football fans in the process, but Davey revealed last week that his tweet was just 'for a bit of fun'.

After it was outed as a hoax, he tweeted: "Don't think I deserve the abuse I'm getting for a harmless joke. Sorry folks, I'm quitting Twitter."

Yet another success for Play in the Parks

ORGANISERS behind the Play in the Parks project are celebrating a third successful year.

The initiative, by Burntwood Town Council, saw hundreds of families enjoy free attractions on offer at parks around Burntwood during August. "We would like to thank all the partners, sponsors and the public who made everything possible," Burntwood Town Council chairman Pamela Stokes said.

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COUNTY NEWS

Drive to get more men in social work

COUNCIL chiefs in Birmingham have backed a campaign to attract more men into social work.

Currently the child protection workforce is predominantly female, with only 14 per cent of roles taken up by men, whilst more than half of the children in care are boys.

The drive has been launched by social work charity Frontline, backed by Birmingham City Council – with 15.5 per cent of male social workers in children's services. Councillor Brigid Jones said: "As Ofsted confirmed earlier this year, we are now making steady progress in improving services for children."

Trust fun events for the autumn

THE National Trust has announced a series of events taking place in the West Midlands this autumn.

Between October 21 and October 31 Wightwick Manor and Gardens, Wolverhampton, will host Family Halloween Half Term Fun.

At Kinver Edge on October 23 there will be apple-pressing and hands-on crafts at the Trust's Rock Houses.

And on October 24 and 26 the same site will host lantern-making sessions.

Finally there will be a Pumpkin Festival at Moseley Old Hall from October 23 to October 29 where people can carve pumpkins and take the insides home.

Team in nursing recruitment task

A BLACK Country hospital team has visited Liverpool in a bid to recruit more nurses. The RCN nursing recruitment event took place at the Exhibition Centre.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust met with potential candidates from across the country. The trust, which runs City, Sandwell and Rowley Regis Hospitals, as well as Leasowes Intermediate Care Centre, was on the lookout to recruit qualified nurses.

£6k raised for causes by Blakemore staff

STAFF from Blakemore Foodservice's Darlaston depot have handed over £6,000 to their two charities of the year for 2016-2017.

They selected the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity and Chelsea's HLH Awareness Fund and have taken part in a number of activities over the 12 months to raise funds, including the recent Wolverhampton Half Marathon.

Software firm in £26.3m takeover

A £26.3 million takeover of a software business has been agreed after a deal was struck between between the two boards.

Staffordshire firm EG Solutions, based in Dunston, near Penkridge, is being taken over by US technology group Verint Systems.

A statement said EG Solutions directors intend to recommend approval of the offer from Verint.

Verint, which has its UK headquarters in Surrey, said the acquisition 'would further strengthen the capabilities of its customer engagement portfolio'.

Nigel Payne, non-executive chairman of EG, said: "I am pleased to recommend this offer to our shareholders.

"The offer price of 112.5 pence per share represents a premium of 85 per cent over the share price of the business just one year ago – 53 per cent over the last six month's volume weighted average share price – and is an attractive exit price when viewed against the fundamentals of the business."

EG directors Nigel Payne, George Rolls and founder Elizabeth Gooch are all backing the deal with their combined 18.3 per cent holding in the business.

All three will resign following completion of the takeover, but Elizabeth Gooch, who is also the chief executive, will stay on as a consultant for at least three months to assist in the integration of the two businesses.

She will be paid £22,500 a month. Ms Gooch started the company back in 1988, which now operates in Netherlands, Singapore, the US, South Africa, Switzerland, Italy, India and Norway.

Foodbank struggles as homelessness rife

By Carl Jackson

THE co-leader of the Green Party believes homelessness is a 'hidden problem' in Cannock Chase after seeing a food bank in the district struggle to cope.

On a visit to the Pye Green Christian Centre, he was told cuts to drug and alcohol services, as well as an increase in gambling addictions, were draining their supplies. Delays in benefits payments as well as an increase of single people due to family breakdowns were other reasons given for a rise in demand.

The centre has handed out nearly 16 tonnes of food this year helping more than 2,300 people in the district. However, they have just 4.4 tonnes of food in their warehouse,which they described as their lowest since launching in 2012.

He said: "Homelessness appears to be prevalent here. I have spoken to a number of rough sleepers who have told be about dozens of people they know who are also homeless.

"It seems to be a pretty hidden problem. Either the local authority are not aware of it or they are choosing to ignore it. We should be listening more to these people at the sharp end."

Range

He added: "Being at Cannock food bank has been completely inspiring seeing what they have been doing. I have been meeting ex-addicts who have been helped in a range of ways which helps promote their self-belief and confidence.

"It is amazing to see how lives can be transformed but at the same time it is tragic to learn the food bank is short of food and struggling to meet demand.

"I spoke to one woman who called up to say she had bought her child's uniform but could not afford food. People should not have to make these choices."

Cannock Chase District Councillor Paul Woodhead, who leads the district's Green Party, said: "There are many people who choose to sleep rough because it is better than some of the hostels they can be provided with. But they don't want state handouts they just want help to help themselves.

"It is partly the responsibility of the county council, district council and NHS, but the joined up approach isn't helping people being shifted around the system," Mr Woodhead added.

Green Party co-leader Jonathan Bartley at the food bank at Pye Green Christian Centre

Pub chefs dish up competition entries

PUB chefs can throw their hats in the ring for national competition. Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling wants pubs across the district to put their chefs forward.

The All Party Parliamentary Beer group, the British Beer and Pub Association and Nestle Professional are seeking to find the best pub chef in the UK. Ms Milling said: "We have so many great pubs in the area and such a wealth of talent that this is a competition Cannock Chase can do well in." Last year, apprentice Sidney Haywood, chef at the Rag at Rawnsley, was nominated to the national competition and received a certificate for being the best pub chef in Cannock Chase.

Contact Ms Milling's office on 01543 877142 or email amanda.milling.mp@parliament.uk before October 23. Include a reason for nomination

The nominations will be judged and then one local nomination will go on to the next stage of the national competition.

Chase is in the frame to host Games cycle races

SOME of the world's best mountain bikers could racing around Cannock Chase after Birmingham was chosen as the UK's candidate city to host the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

The Second City beat off competition from Liverpool as the UK's nominated host and will go up against Edmonton, Canada and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Even though the Chase strictly lies outside the Birmingham border bid chiefs confirmed in June that the Staffordshire beauty-spot would be included in the city's proposals.

The country park has proved its pedigree in hosting major biking events having seen thousands of cyclists complete a 56-mile route of the terrain as part of the last two Ironman events.

And the news was welcomed by district council leader George Adamson.

He said: "This is excellent news for Cannock Chase. If we get to host part of the Commonwealth Games it will certainly help raise our profile.

"I would imagine Birmingham would be favourites for it so it is really great news. It is just a great place to ride a bike."

Staffordshire County Council's communities leader Gill Heath said: "It is great news that Birmingham has been selected as the UK bid by the Government to host the 2022 Commonwealth Games as the whole region would benefit.

"Cannock Chase is a nationally acclaimed location for mountain biking and would be an ideal venue for the Games' event.

Cut-price beer in tax campaign

TWO Chase pubs are reducing the price of their food and drink by 7.5 per cent for one day only next week.

Wetherspoons is backing the national Tax Equality Day, aimed at highlighting the benefit of a VAT reduction in the hospitality industry. Prices will be reduced on Wednesday at the chain's Linford Arms, in High Green, Cannock and at the Hedgeford Lodge, Anglesey Street, Hednesford.

At present all food and drink in pubs is subject to 20 per cent VAT, while supermarkets benefit from a zero VAT rate on all food. As a result, supermarkets are able to use that saving to sell alcohol at a discounted rate.

Linford Arms manager Andy Johnston said: "We are keen to highlight the amount customers would save if VAT in pubs was lowered permanently."

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Killer storm not unusual, inquest told

A STORM during which a woman died after being hit by flying debris was 'perfectly usual' winter weather, an inquest hearing was told.

Tahnie Martin, from Stafford, was killed after being struck by a water tank cover which had broken off from the roof of the Mander Centre in Wolverhampton February 23 during Storm Doris.

Bernard Thorogood, representing Wolverhampton Council at pre-inquest hearing, said a weather expert had deemed the storm a normal winter occurrence. He said expert Dr Richard Wild had compiled a report which classed Doris as 'a perfectly usual winter storm'.

Tahnie Martin

Miss Martin, 29, a University of Wolverhampton marketing worker, was walking along Dudley Street in the city when she was struck. Mr Wild is expected to be one of the witnesses when a full jury inquest takes place on October 2.

Coroner Zafar Siddique said the inquest would look at 'what systems were in place to maintain the fixtures and structures on the roof that were disturbed and detached on February 23, as well as what maintenance work had been performed or carried out'.

It will also be concerned with 'what, if any, weather warnings were issued prior to February 23 and whether there was a system in place to receive and respond to weather warnings'.

Youngsters claim awards success

A GROUP of young people have celebrated winning the Prince's Trust Team Course with Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service.

The eight participants, aged 16 to 25, completed the 12-week programme, which aims to give unemployed young people the skills and confidence to get back into work or training.

Awards were presented by Chief Fire Officer Becci Bryant and team programme executive Paul Edwards at Cannock Community Fire Station.

Prince's Trust Delivery Partner Manager James Hettihewa-Young said: "We are incredibly proud of what the young people have achieved."

The next Cannock programme will start on October 2.

Overnight closure

OVERNIGHT lane closures are in place for safety barrier maintenance from 8pm to 6am until September 27 on both carriageways of the A454 Black Country Route between the M6 junction 10 and The Keyway.

Flats are cleared after car hits building

Merton Court in Burntwood

A BLOCK of flats was evacuated after a car crashed into the building causing a gas leak.

The estate car careered into Merton Court in Burntwood at 9.50am on Friday.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service sent two crews to the scene and urged all of the residents to leave. They were taken to Chasetown police station while the gas leak was fixed.

Queens Fish Bar next door also closed for the morning and police stopped traffic in Queens Street while the incident was ongoing. The driver of the car, an elderly man, was uninjured and discharged at the scene by paramedics.

West Midlands Ambulance Service confirmed none of the residents at Merton Court required assessment.

The gas leak was resolved by 1pm and residents were able to return to the property.

Barry Haralambous, who runs Queens Fish Bar, said: "We had to close the chip shop in the morning while the gas was turned off but we were able to open again in the afternoon. The car did not go into our building and there was no real damage to the block of flats next door."

A fire service spokeswoman said: "We were called to an incident where an estate car was involved in a collision with a building. We evacuated Merton Court as there was a strong smell of gas in the area.

"The hatchback had come into contact with a gas main.

"The residents of Merton Court were evacuated to Chasetown police station for welfare reasons. We sent a crew from the Chase and one from Cannock. They left at 12.55pm."

Disaster warning over new housing estate

A WASTE company has warned that a new housing estate is at risk of disaster should fire ignite from the flammable chemicals at its site.

Augean's compound in Bridgtown is less than 10ft away from the homes.

Now, in the wake of the Grenfell tragedy, the company has written to Cannock Chase Council to express concerns about the close proximity of its business to more than 100 homes at Lakeside Boulevard.

And the firm has also alerted the authority to the 'public health' risk if dozens more homes are built nearby at the former Parker Hannifin valve works in Walkmill Lane.

Augean is seeking talks with the council and developer Project AML about the risks.

A report to a planning committee meeting yesterday (Wednesday) states: "Further to the approval of the application, the council has received correspondence from Augean expressing concern regarding the proximity of the development to their compound and the potential risks to public health from fire and chemicals stored at the site.

Decision

"The matter has been investigated at the corporate level, and the council has written to Augean setting out its position.

"The letter acknowledges that the decision by the council's planning committee was not easily made but on balance and in light of all relevant information, it was decided that it would not be possible to refuse the application on planning grounds."

The report adds that Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service has also been approached to investigate the risks. Councillor John Kraujalis, who represents the area, said: "Augean has always been against the development. Now since Grenfell Tower they have reiterated their concerns to the council."

A spokeswoman for Augean said: "We are hoping to urgently resolve this matter with the council and the developers." The Parker Hannifin site has been deemed integral to the council meeting its future housing needs to deliver 3,000 more properties between now and 2028.

Brown bins help school garden club

From left, Shaun Cadman, Biffa Business manager, Sally Jones, PSHE/School council co-ordinator, Councillor John Preece, environment portfolio leader, and Joss Pressland, waste and engineering services manager with children from West Hill Primary School

REPRESENTATIVES from Cannock Chase Council and Biffa visited West Hill Primary School in Hednesford to donate brown bins to help them dispose of the waste from their school garden.

The donation followed a number of letters received from pupils, who requested the brown bins to help them to dispose of waste from their garden and outdoor area correctly.

Councillor John Preece, portfolio leader for the environment, said: "I am so pleased that we were able to support West Hill Primary School and provide them with brown bins. Not only will this help them with their gardening club but will also teach the children the value of recycling and its importance in protecting the environment."

Sally Jones, school council co-ordinator, said: "We want to teach the children the importance of reusing waste and not disposing of it in an incorrect manner. The importance of educating children on good ecological habits is crucial

NEWS IN BRIEF

Shed burglar is caught in the act

A RESIDENT woke up in the middle of the night to discover a hooded man rummaging through a shed.

The incident happened in Kingsdown Road, Burntwood.

The homeowner was woken by a loud noise coming from outside the home and then confronted a man trying to steal a bike from the shed.

The suspect, described as white and about 6ft 3in fled empty-handed.

Staffordshire Police say he got into the shed by breaking off the lock with a set of bolt cutters.

Anyone with information should contact the force on 101 using the reference 240 of September 5.

Cyclists head off on year's last ride

RIDERS will pedal to Fradley Junction this weekend for the final Cycle Ride For All of the year.

They will head off on the 12-mile round trip on Sunday, setting off from Freedom cycles, in Windsor Business Park, off Trent Valley Road, at 10am.

Cycle Rides for All is run in partnership by Lichfield District Council, Freedom Cycles and Lichfield ReCycle. Previous rides have been to Fisherwick Lakes, Weeford and Packington Moor Farm, around Chasewater, and to the National Memorial Arboretum.

Call 01543 308867 for more details.

Beer festival will support charities

UK Sepsis Trust and childhood cancer charity Aiobheann's Pink Tie will benefit from cash donations or unused tokens at this year's Cannock Chase Beer Festival.

The Camra event is at the Prince of Wales Centre, in Church Street, from 5-11pm on September 21 and from noon to 11pm the next two days.

VIP tickets cost £25, allowing access to all sessions, plus souvenir glass, programme, tokens and Camra and brewery merchandise, available from the box office on 01543 578762. Payment at the door is £10.

Iceland subject of talk to wildlife trust branch

'ICELAND – land of fire and ice' is the subject of a talk to the Cannock group of the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust next week.

Tim Coleshaw will address the meeting on Wednesday, September 20, at 7.30pm in St Luke's Church Centre, Cannock.

Entrance is £2 which includes refreshments. All are welcome and there is free car parking in the church car park.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Rubbish system of these bin police

SOME things restore your faith in our public services, while others just leave you tearing your hair out.

On Saturday, I called in at my public library bang on 4pm, just as the doors were being locked. "Sorry, we're closed," said the librarian, which was fair enough. While it seems absurd that libraries now shut in mid afternoon, I knew the opening times, and had left it too late.

However, when I politely asked if I could return my books, she reluctantly relented, and I was out at 4.01pm. Nobody was really inconvenienced, and I went away with a higher opinion of the staff.

Now compare this with the "bin-spectors", who appear to be making a comeback across the region. Two local councils in the West Midlands recently announced they are employing folk to prod around our dustbins to see what is inside. Some people have reportedly been sent the characteristically pompous letters, in their trademark John Prescott grammar and pseudo-legalistic gobbledegook, threatening residents with fines of up to £2,500 and criminal records should they persist putting their rubbish in the wrong container.

These two stories show a marked contrast between the different attitudes which exist in local government. In the first instance, the librarian recognised that public service meant serving the public, in other words giving the punters what they want.

On the other hand, the "binspectors" – they hate that term by the way – and moreover, their employers, believe their role involves telling us what to do, or "changing attitudes and perceptions".

They are wrong. The council's job is to empty the bins. Not tell us how to use them.

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AFTER losing a bet, Birmingham City fan Joe Lombardi agreed to have a picture of Harry Redknapp leaning out of his car window tattooed on his ankle.

I've never really got the appeal of tattoos. If I'm going to allow my body to be used as an art gallery or advertising hoarding, the least I expect is for the exhibitors to pay for the space. Indeed, it could be a nice little earner, selling parts of your body for commercial sponsorship. I'm sure if the price is right, I can be persuaded to have Bill's Pizza or Acme Double glazing etched onto my bum.

But given that Blues are on their third manager in nine months, you can't help but think Joe will regret his decision sooner rather than later.

Wouldn't you just love to see Joe's face if Harry crossed the city to Aston Villa?

New warning of ballistic missiles getting closer

Florence Parly – warning over North Korea and building of ballistic missiles

Kate Middleton – expect lots of coverage as baby number three is on the way

Jeremy Corbyn talks proudly of defending "the right to a nomadic way of life."

Another good reason to get out of Europe

THE French defence minister, Florence Parly, warns that North Korea may be closer than anyone thought to building ballistic missiles capable of hitting Europe. Another good reason to be leaving.

HOW justice works. On the day this week that local councils unveiled plans to slap £2,500 fines on householders who overload their wheelie bins, the Ministry of Justice revealed that 437 people who admitted crimes including blackmail, kidnap, rape and child abuse have been let off with a caution. Surprised? Nah, me neither.

I SWITCHED on Call You and Yours (Radio 4) to hear a particularly nauseating example of that dreadful modern language we might call social workerese. A caller, close to tears, described how her family had been shattered by the sudden death of a little child. The interviewer replied: "It must change the family dynamic." Ye gods and little fishes.

ANOTHER family dynamic is being changed. "We just can't wait to meet baby number three!" gushes the Daily Mail as Kate and William announce another pregnancy. Who might this "we" be? Even those of us who support a constitutional monarchy have had quite enough from the Windsor photo-opportunity factory for one year, thanks. On top of Prince Philip's retirement, Princess Di memories and wall-to-wall coverage of Harry and his girl, endless dissection of Kate's progress will give us all morning sickness.

ACCORDING to the latest British Social Attitudes Survey, for the first time ever more than half of adult Brits claim to follow no faith. Hallelujah. Losing our religions may be one of the main benefits of a multicultural society. There was a time when we all believed that kindness and charity flowed from the assortment of gods, prophets, saints and holy men we chose to worship. But in today's Britain we see people helping at disasters and being inspired not by Bronze Age superstitions but by common human decency. It is a sobering moment the first time a religious person sees an atheist putting his or her life on the line for others. To do good in the belief that you will be rewarded in heaven is fine. But doing good for its own sake,with no expectation of harps, angels and eternity, has got to be better. Religion divides, humanity unites.

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

AND off to the optician for a new treatment. This involves a tiny vibrator which is run along the rims of your eyelids, tickling your lashes and scattering the accumulated crud and eye-mites of many years. Ordeal by eyelid-tickler feels exactly as it sounds and if you don't squirm like a serpent and laugh like a drain throughout, then your giggle buttons probably need adjusting. It reminded me of that unfortunate incident at the dentist's as a small boy (when I was a small boy, that is, not the dentist). He was running the high-pressure water jet around my molars when he suddenly touched one end of a nerve which ran deep into the body. I instantly wet myself. I don't recall anybody laughing.

FROM time to time things go terribly wrong. An airliner crashes. A block of flats goes up in flames. Girls are sexually abused by organised gangs. And then, after the initial shock, it is revealed that everyone knew there was a problem all along but everyone chose to look the other way. It's only after the event that we raise our hands in horror and demand to know why, when all was known, nothing was done. And if you want to see a new national scandal brewing, look no further than Gypsy Kids: Our Secret World (C5) where we meet children of nine and 13 who have never been to school and whose parents, being semi-literate, cannot possibly educate them.

THE problems caused by travellers are usually reported in terms of caravan invasions, intimidation, crime and the filth left behind. But this series is a reminder that parts of the Traveller community are not only troublesome but deeply troubled.

IF you take your kids out of school for a few days in term time, the education authorities may well impose a steep fine or take you to court. Yet the non-attendance at school by thousands of traveller children is simply ignored. All politicians talk about the importance of education, freedom and the right to choose a better future. But on this issue, with generation after generation trapped in a no-hope web of illiteracy, those same politicians choose to look the other way and ignore child-neglect on a massive scale. Sometimes politicians even romanticise it. Jeremy Corbyn talks proudly of defending "the right to a nomadic way of life." What about the right of these traveller kids to choose another sort of life?

TALKING POINT

Loyalty to fat cats is costing our grannies

HOW would you feel if you heard that someone had ripped off your granny for £500? Then you found out that they had been dipping into her finances on an annual basis.

We are not talking about an opportunist purse thief or even some doorstep con artist. This is happening perfectly legally... and it's a disgrace.

The culprits? The insurance industry. The fat cats who run this multi-billion pound industry know full well that many of their elderly loyal customers don't know their iPad from their elbow.

Apologies to the savvy silver surfers, but in an ageing society where many live into their 80s, 90s or even long enough to get a letter from the Queen, there are thousands of elderly people who never go online.

They don't own a computer and probably don't want to. It is difficult to tap away at a keyboard with arthritic fingers or peer at a screen when your eyesight is not what it was.

Many of these people belong to a generation when it was considered shameful to owe money or to even be late paying a bill. How times change.

But this means that they often fall foul of the automatic renewal, when the insurance company offers you another year of 'the same great cover' without any bother. Avoiding the 'bother' can prove costly, especially as loyalty appears to be a one-way street when it comes to the insurers.

Year on year those buildings and contents premiums increase. A person who set up a direct debit years ago could easily be paying £500 over the average deal available elsewhere.

Back in 2013, The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) admitted automatic renewal leads to customers being treated unfairly. But still it goes on.

New rules introduced this year have forced insurers to tell buyers at the renewal stage what their premium was the year before. The FCA say that measure alone should save consumers more than £100m, by alerting them to the scale of the premium increase.

But this will not alert everyone to how much less they could be paying for the same cover elsewhere.

The elderly are probably the worst hit group but any loyal customer who doesn't make price comparisons can be preyed on in this way. It is time our MPs took on the insurance industry to end this cynical exploitation.

Check your policy, particularly if you pay by direct debit and, if you have elderly relatives or friends, check their policy too.

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Venue is deer to fashion show organisers' hearts

LEADING models and an X Factor star will find themselves at a very unusual Staffordshire venue for a high-class fashion event this weekend – a reindeer park!

Latest fashions from couture designers will be modelled among the rustic setting of Blithbury Reindeer Lodge near Rugeley on Sunday.

The fundraising event has been organised by Walsall-based Dream Street Modelsfor their annual show.

Special guests include MTV's Loren Green, X Factor's Chloe Jasmine and Britain and Ireland's Next Top Model winner Eleanor Sippings.

Funds raised at the fashion show will be donated to the MS Therapy Centre in Wolverhampton. Organiser Chloe Avon's mother attended the centre for oxygen therapy before she died in April at the age of 45 after a two-year battle with cancer.

Luxury

Speaking about the event Chloe said: "It's the first of its kind to take place in the UK, at the home to England's largest working herd of reindeers and one of the largest outside of Scandinavia.

She said: "We want to bring the luxury only ever seen in London to the West Midlands.

"We want to celebrate the businesses in the area and start to do things out of the ordinary whilst making sure our work is beneficial to the wider community."

Entitled Scandinavian Bliss, the fashion show begins at 2pm and will primarily showcase designers who create couture and finely tailored garments from across the UK.

Tickets at £20 are available at www.dreamstreetmodels.bigcartel.com

High fashion in a rustic setting at Blithbury Picture: Mantis Photography

Relief over £115m complex

COUNCIL bosses have breathed a sigh of relief after hearing the £115 million Mill Green retail scheme in Cannock will not be called in by the Secretary of State – despite the plans being changed.

Bosses had feared the eagerly-awaited designer outlet village could be delayed. Last month the scheme, which promises 150 stores, had to be amended because a major 'international chain' requested a larger unit.

The changes could have pushed back the summer 2019 launch date. Cannock Chase District Council leader George Adamson said: "It had to go back to planning for a few minor changes. It was referred to the Secretary of State because it is such a big application.

"He sent it straight back saying he does not wish to call it in, and Mill Green is something he wants to see. It is a big relief. Hopefully it will mean if there are any more changes in the future it won't have to be called in."

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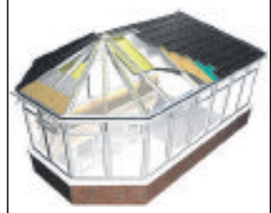
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Little harsh on the older generation

ROGER Watts' letter (August 31), 'stand up to Brexit bullies', was a little harsh on the older generation.

Leaving the EU was decision made by the whole of the UK, it's called democracy.

His letter implies that the young will be held back in their careers. Leaving Europe should not be an obstacle in either direction, there is far to much negativity from large sections of political elite it transmits its echoes across the financial sector then the pound plummets, then the press release statements such as an hundred billion pound divorce bill.

I understand the need for an opposition but opposing for opposing sake is futile.

MR A.ALLPORT
Huntington

Writer's views ill-informed and jaundiced

AFTER reading with utter disbelief the letter from Roger Watts (August 31) regarding his views on this country leaving the European Union, it really is difficult to imagine a less informed and yet more jaundiced opinion. That is at the same time both laughable and worrying.

Mr Watts considers Liberal MP Vince Cable to be "absolutely right" when he said "the old have got what they need out of the EU and are now refusing the young the same opportunities". Mr Watts continues with a direct approach to those so affected. "Young people, if you want to live in Copenhagen, the happiest city in the world, the old want to stop you".

"If your dream is to make it big in fashion, opera or to become a noted artist you won't be able to live and breathe the riches of Milan".

He suggests they should make a stand because the old Brexiteers don't care about your financial future or your dreams.

The truth is, there is a huge world out there and an independent Great Britain is the key to the future prosperity of the whole nation.

Of course, should you wish to be happy in Denmark or breathe in the past glories of debt-ridden Italy, you will, as always, be free to do so.

TOM ROBBINS
Norton Canes

EU gravy train will soon come off rails

REF: The letter from Roger Watts (Chronicle August 31). Vince Cable's wisdom has yet to be discovered.

The reason we oldies voted to leave the EU was to give the next generation of this country a future. The EU is governed by mainly failed politicians, like Neil Kinnock, on £1million per annum, and other equally incompetent bureaucrats,

Many member states are bankrupt, I predict the EU gravy train will be derailed in the next five years.

P BLAINE
Burntwood

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When getting a job proved to be difficult

ROGER Watts's letter was spot on and that clearly has Mrs Sinke rattled ("This argument is typical of much scaremongering", September 7). Unfortunately, she fails to get her facts right.

I lived in pre-EEA Norway several times and remember well the difficulty I and other Brits had obtaining even short-term work and residency permits, including being threatened with deportation.

In fact, most of my time there was thanks only to winning very scarce scholarships. When I lived in the EU, in Germany, Sweden and Belgium, I had no such problems. Sure, Brits have lived in Europe for centuries – usually the ones with the money.

MRS CLARE SHOLL
Burntwood

Thanks to electorate

I WOULD like to thank everyone who voted for me in the Hednesford Green Heath ward by-election on September 7. I feel honoured and privileged to have been elected and look forward to representing all residents in the area. My pledge is to carry out my duties with care, dedication and compassion. Many sincere thanks must also go to our Labour Party campaign members who worked tirelessly.

LINDA TAIT
Councillor for Hednesford Green Heath

Happy 60th anniversary

ON September 3, 1957 both my mate John Wilkins and I started our first school, John Wood in Cannock. We would like to wish everyone else who started at the same time as us a happy 60th anniversary. Haven't those six decades gone quick?

PAUL KMIOLEK
Hednesford

What are the chances?

IT'S nice to see that bookmakers are contributing to certain MPs in the way of freebies . What they are contributing to is the misery caused by the gaming machines.The government were looking into this problem but it as all gone quiet – say no more.

ROGER ALLEN
Great Wyrley

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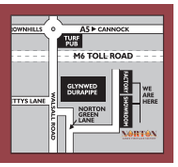

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Telling tails of working with animals

Hayes Green WI

PRESIDENT Val Lomas opened the meeting and welcomed Sheila Moulton ex-county chairman, who, after the treasurer's report and county notices, gave an account of her trip to Liverpool for the National AGM.

Sheila was given a vote of thanks by Susie King and presented with a large box of Thornton chocolates.

Val then introduced the guest speaker Chrissy Whereat for a talk on "house sitting with animals".

She explained how she came do this type of work – after being an accountant for Marks & Spencer and loving animals, why not find job which involved this? Hence house sitting for animals, which took her all over the country.

She told some very funny tales which involved dogs, cats, goats and one snake– but she loved every minute of it. Dianne Bevan gave the vote of thanks.

The club's anniversary meal where members celebrate 30 years will be held at the Horns restaurant in Slitting Mill on October 28 – this will be free as the money will coming out of the fund.

Val told members all about the president's night – which was enjoyable with speakers and a buffet.

Next month's meeting is an auction.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at the Constitutional Club Heath Hayes, from 7.30pm and everyone is welcome.

Colourful advice on gaining confidence

Cannock WI

Diana Jones spoke about 'colour with confidence'

THE theme of the August meeting was 'colour with confidence' when Diana Jones shared her experience of visiting the WI Denman College.

She had won a bursary to attend a workshop, and chose colour analysis. Participants were invited to explore the importance of choosing the right colours of clothes, jewellery and make-up to suit their personal skin tone.

The competition was A Postcard. Among the old, foreign, saucy, picturesque, and internet cards designed and sent direct from phones, was one of a Spanish flamenco dancer with a real material dress. This was chosen as the winner for its owner Janis Lomas.

Meetings are on the second Thursday of the month at 10.30am at St Luke's Church Centre, Cannock.

The next speaker is another Cannock WI member Chrissy Caseley-Whereat talking about house and pet sitting: "Barking Mad". Call 01543 271617 for details.

Hear this! Town crier gives talk

Hammerwich WI

OYEZ. Oyez. Oyez. The July meeting was filled with the sound of the speaker for the evening, Ken Knowles, award-winning Town Crier of Lichfield.

He entered the meeting hall with his Lady, Marilyn. Both were dressed in traditional costumes, Ken in a red coat, breeches, lace jabot, black button up boots, and a three cornered hat. Marilyn was dressed in a delightful striped dress which had a long gathered skirt and fitted bodice. She wore over it, a contrasting fitted jacket which had 'ragamuffin ' sleeves.

Ken told his life story, where he was born, about his ancestors, his teaching career and how he became the town crier for Lichfield.

This months meeting was conducted by the vice-president, Irene Froggatt. A good time was had by all.

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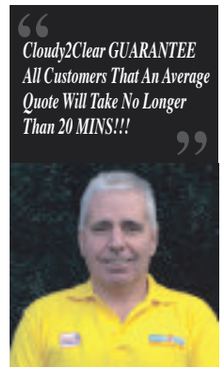

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Help point is launched to offer support for bereaved

A BEREAVEMENT help point has been set up to support the grieving in Cannock.

St Giles Hospice has joined South Staffordshire Cruse Bereavement Care to set up their eighth help point, offering evening sessions to support people who work during the day.

Bereaved people in Cannock will be able to drop in from 5-7pm on the first and third Thursday of every month from September 21 at Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane.

Ian Leech, community engagement manager for St Giles, said: "We are looking forward to building on the success of our other Bereavement Help Points and giving grieving people in the Cannock area access to support.

"There are already seven established within our catchment area and we're delighted to be continuing our partnership with Cruse to provide Cannock people with the very best in bereavement support."

Mike Gillard, chairman of South Staffordshire Cruse, welcomed the additional support for bereaved residents in the Cannock area: "We look forward to collaborating with St Giles on this important venture, and are grateful for financial support from the Cannock Partnership," he said.

The Bereavement Help Point is open to any adult who has lost someone, not just people already known to St Giles, and provides help and support for as long as people need it.

"Our Bereavement Help Points provide free support for people who have lost someone and we are proud to say that people can get support within 48 hours if they need it," said director of supportive care Nikki Archer.

For more information contact the supportive care admin team on 01543 434536 or visit sct@stgileshospice.com

Newlyweds tern cash into nest

Gail and Jeff Brough ahead of the installation of the tern raft at the Wolseley Centre

TWO newlywed volunteers from Staffordshire Wildlife Trust have used funds given them as a wedding gift to buy a floating platform designed to attract birds and encourage them to breed.

The money, provided by Gail and Jeff Brough, has gone towards purchasing a tern raft, which provides an ideal location for the birds to nest and is safe from flooding, disturbance or predators. It has been installed on Swan Lake at the trust's Wolseley Centre HQ at Wolseley Bridge, near Rugeley.

Gail and Jeff, from Little Haywood, met at the Wolseley Centre in 2013 at a monthly coffee morning. After hitting it off straight away, they married earlier this year and instead of asking for presents, wanted people to donate to the wildlife trust.

The couple are part of the trust's Tuesday volunteer group and collected £865 on their big day, which they put towards purchasing the tern raft.

Jeff, secretary of the trust's local Cannock group, said: "We wanted to leave a legacy and put the money towards something which will be of huge benefit to wildlife. The Wolseley Centre is a very special place to us so it made sense for us to donate the funds raised from our wedding to a tern raft.

Fire service job hunt

A RECRUITMENT drive for on-call firefighters in Staffordshire has been launched.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service is looking to bring new retained personnel on board at stations in Gnosall, Rising Brook, Eccleshall, Kinver and Codsall. On-call firefighters provide emergency response cover from their home or work base, which needs to be within five minutes of the fire station.

After training they will attend weekly drill nights. Retained firefighters can also get involved in community fire safety initiatives. Many crew members have full-time jobs outside of the service and some have an agreement with their employer that they can leave work if they are alerted to an incident.

Applicants must be aged 18 or over and will need to fill in an application form, pass written literacy and numeracy tests, physical tests, an interview and a medical. They are advised to check travel time from their base to the station using a route planner to ensure they are within the turnout area. Call Damian Armstrong on 0752898319/01785 898723 or email Damian.armstrong@staffordshirefire.gov.uk

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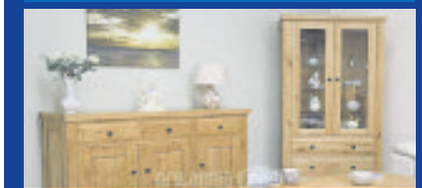

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Calls for action over 'woodland sex pests'

FURIOUS residents have called for action to tackle the use of a woodland area for sexual activities.

More than 1,000 people living in Featherstone have signed a petition demanding something is done to tackle the problem.

It involves people parking at a layby between Featherstone and Shareshill on the A460, before going into woodland off the busy road.

Residents say they have seen up to 10 cars parked in the layby at night and they are asking for support from politicians and the police.

A meeting was held at Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre to look at ways of tackling the problem, which has been labelled 'disgusting' by residents.

Parish council chairman Frank Beardsmore, left, presents the petition to South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson

Honest

Speaking after the meeting, Jackie French, who has been helping to collect the 1,100 signatures so far, said: "People are really angry about this and rightly so.

"They want something done and to be honest they want it done quicker than what we are being told.

"It is disgusting and we have all seen what is happening there."

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson said: "This is something that is going to take a lot of working together and I think to have got everyone together was positive."

Frank Beardsmore, chairman of Featherstone Parish Council, said: "We have been working with the landowner, who agrees that something needs to be done.

"He has put up signs and tidied up the area. The support from residents to get this sorted has been great."

'Find time' for your pets

PET owners are being urged to spare a thought for their animals now that the new school year has begun.

Experts in pet care say that when pupils return to full-time education, cats and dogs are more likely to suffer from 'separation anxiety', which can result in a change in their behaviour at the end of summer holidays.

Pets at Home Cannock says that more almost half of the children visiting the shop admitted to having more fun with their pet than they do with their friends or siblings, with more than half of them spending more than an hour interacting with their furry friend each day.

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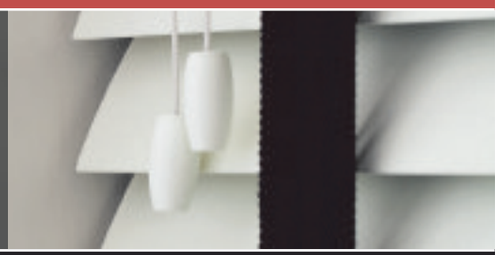
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Brass in charity's pocket after band tours cities

MUSICIANS went two and a half days without sleep to complete 52 performances in 62 hours – raising cash to the tune of more than £5,000.

The group, including Darren Selby from Great Wyrley, had set a target of £4,000 from the challenge of playing in every English city for 10 minutes.

Starting and ending at Birmingham, they performed in the Second City twice, making it 52 performances in all. They travelled across 2,000 miles and collected £5,100 for Cancer Research UK.

Others in the group were Stafford Grammar School's director of music, Gavin Lamplough, Andrew Dickinson of Tamworth and Halesowen pair Mark Sharman and Nicola Redhead.

Trumpets

Mr Lamplough said: "It was brutal. We never thought it would be so tough. We were literally going non-stop for three days to keep to our schedule and hit the target. But the generosity of people along the way was really humbling."

The members of Salvation Army's Birmingham Citadel Band graced the likes of Wembley and The Oval with their trumpets, trombone, horn and tuba.

Match of the Day, Grandstand and Test Match Special tunes were included in their repertoire, along with hymns and anthems linked with particular cities, clubs or sports.

They also visited Molineux, Lichfield Rugby Club, Edgbaston, Bristol City FC, York racecourse and went as far as Truro, Norwich, Portsmouth and Carlisle during their travels.

The band outside Molineux

Striking up a tune at Edgbaston

The quintet at Aston Villa's Villa Park ground

"We have loads of memories but one of the highlights was arriving at Brighton Football Club in the dark at 3am and being welcomed by a security guard, who turned on the floodlights and gave us a tour of the ground," added Mr Lamplough.

"We then performed a concert on the pitch just for him, which included a rendition of 'Sussex by the Sea'. It was surreal.

"We feel very fortunate that we stumbled across a fundraising idea that captured the imagination and generosity of the public."

Five years ago the band visited all 92 football league grounds and raised £8,000.

Dog salon hopes to clean up in record bid

DOG owners can take the lead in a Guinness World Record attempt.

The Groom Room at Pets Home, on Orbital Way, is joining other salons across the country in a bid to wash 5,000 dogs over a 12-hour period to set a new record. The attempt takes place from 8am to 8pm on Saturday and will also help to raise money to rehome pets across the UK.

Some 240 dogs, partucularly short-haired, smooth-coated breeds, will be needed in Cannock. For £5, owners can book their dogs to have a wash and dry in the Groom Room with proceeds going to animal rescue charity, Support Adoption For Pets. Call 0845 850 9637 to book.

Cannock salon manager Natalia Swietlik said: "We're really excited to take part in this record attempt."

Rail operator boosted before franchise ends

LONDON Midland saw passenger numbers and revenues improve in the run-up to losing its franchise.

The rail operator's control of the West Midlands rail service will end on December 10.

It will be handed to West Midlands Trains, a joint venture between Japanese and Dutch businesses, after 10 years being controlled by Go-Ahead-owned London Midland.

Now the transport group has confirmed that passenger numbers grew by 4.1 per cent in the year to July 1, with passenger revenue rising by 9.6 per cent to £339.6 million.

Its subsidy for the year was 67.3 per cent larger in 2017 than in the year before, at £87m.

Profits

Chief executive David Brown said he was disappointed the company had missed out on the new franchise, and that it would affect next year's profits, but added the company had done all it could to keep hold of the West Midlands routes.

That included free on-board entertainment systems and Wi-Fi. The new operator has promised to invest £1 billion in the network, including new carriages and additional services to alleviate congestion.

The number of West Midlands trains travelling between Shropshire and Birmingham will double.

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New White House resident

Fred Pritchard and wife Sarah at the gates to the White House

A NEW couple has moved into the White House – in Cannock that is.

Businessmen Fred Pritchard confirmed his purchase of the High Green building had gone through.

He plans to transform the Grade II* listed building in a £1.5m vision which includes bringing back weddings. The White House hosted hundreds of ceremonies throughout the 20th century when it was owned by Cannock Urban District Council.

A restaurant and a beauty salon are also planned. The Georgian property was built in 1783. The family home of Sir Robert Fisher, it was the first in the town to have its own water pump.

It became a ladies' boarding school in the 1800s and a registry office when it was bought by the district council.

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Thousands enjoy Proms spectacular

The City of Lichfield Band opened proceedings as revellers found their places to enjoy the free annual concert

These Beacon Park visitors enjoyed prime seating

Councillor Mark Warfield and his Lady enjoy the Proms

THOUSANDS of people descended on Beacon Park for the Lichfield Proms.

The free annual end of summer event is organised by Lichfield District Council and featured rides and bouncy fun for children, as well as music from the City of Lichfield Concert Band and the main concert, performed by the British Police Symphony Orchestra.

The City of Lichfield Concert Band played as visitors found their spaces. Their programme included music from Beauty and the Beast, How to Train Your Dragon, a Disneyland celebration, a James Bond medley and many more popular classics.

Programme

This led up to the British Police Symphony Orchestra taking to the stage at 7.30pm. The 75-piece orchestra, conducted by Richard Jenkinson, was joined by experienced compere Danny Mizon.

Together they took the crowd through the main programme, playing music from Madame Butterfly, Romeo and Juliet, Dances with Wolves, Lawrence of Arabia, The Lord of the Rings, The Magnificent Seven as well as sea songs and more.

The evening ended with everyone on their feet, waving their Union flags to the proms anthems, Rule Britannia, Jerusalem and Pomp and Circumstance No 1, to a firework finale overhead.

Council chairman Councillor Mark Warfield said: "The evening was a tremendous success, with thousands of people coming together to enjoy a superb evening of good music in the beautiful surroundings of Beacon Park.

"The musical line-up had something for everyone, combining popular film and TV soundtracks with some exciting not so well known pieces.

"The audience clapped and cheered, waved their flags and sang in all the right places, and seemed to have a thoroughly good time.

"A big thank you must go to all the proms team who work so hard to organise Lichfield Proms, and to all the sponsors who help to support this spectacular event."

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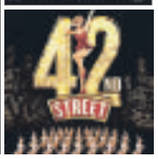

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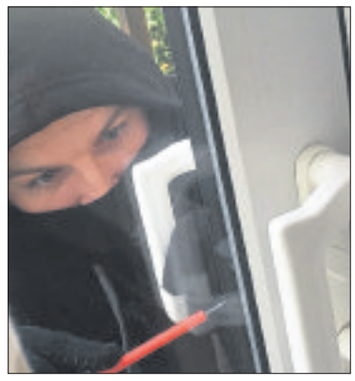
It's silent but sinister – burglar's best trick

"IT is quick, easy and quiet." It sounds like an advert promoting the local library but actually the truth is far more sinister.

Unfortunately that is West Midlands Police's description for 'lock snapping' which has emerged as a prominent form of burglary in the Black Country this year.

Armed with just a pair of pliers and a screwdriver intruders can now force their way into people's homes in less than a minute.

And what has the force 'worried' is that unlike other crude methods of entry, this does not involve smashing glass or breaking down doors. It can be carried out almost completely silently. As a result thieves are targeting more homes at night – while people are still in bed.


No glass smashing or breaking down doors

Detective Sergeant Leighton Shingles, part of the force's High Harm team, said: "It has definitely become a method of entry we are seeing more often. Ever since January we are noticing it regularly. The worrying thing is that they are being committed while people are in the house. It takes a matter of minutes. "

So what exactly is lock snapping? The first bit of bad news is that the ideal targets are Euro profile cylinder locks, which are fitted to several million uPVC doors throughout the country.

It works by removing the plastic covering and gripping the protruding lock mechanism – where you put the key – with some sort of tool.

A set of pliers will do but career burglars may opt for an aptly named 'snapper bar' which can be picked up from most locksmith merchants for around £50 or less. At the risk of this becoming a 'how to' guide, aspiring burglars will have to figure the final part out themselves. However, it would seem scores of desperate criminals have already cottoned on in the Black Country with West Midlands Police now declaring lock snapping is the 'method of choice' for forcing entry into homes.

Warnings

The force has issued multiple warnings to residents this year, particularly via its fledging WMNow alert service, that this is the way homes are being broken in to in 2017.

In March houses on Hodges Drive and Darby's Hill Road in Tividale were targeted and properties in Brickhouse Lane and Woolpack Close in the West Bromwich area were also raided. More recently Milking Bank in Dudley and parts of Halesowen have seen similar incidents.

Walsall residents have been hit by several 'lock snap' breakins in the last two months with houses in Chestnut Close in Streetly, The Berkshire in Turnberry, and Tetley Avenue, just north of Walsall Arboretum, all proving vulnerable. On the back of the latter incident, Kevin Pitt, police, engagement and consultation officer in Walsall, said: "Lock snapping is becoming burglars' entry method of choice as it is quick, easy and quiet."

Laptops, jewellery and cash have been the obvious targets. But car keys have become the ultimate prize with the rear patio doors to a home now seen as a gateway to driving off in a £30,000-plus high performance vehicle.

But there are counter measures have since been developed. There are several 'anti-snap' locks on the market which can be picked up for less than £20. A cheaper option for patio doors comes in the form of a Patlock, which fits around the door handles. And even cheaper still are 'sash jammers' which prevent windows and doors from opening.

They are available for less than £10 each and recommended by police.

DS Shingles added: "We would urge people to check things like the security of their side gates, or if they have security lights and CCTV make sure they are working.

West Midlands Police has had to deal with a minimum of 2,000 burglaries a month across the region since last September. Home security is available at www.securebydesign.com

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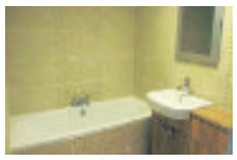

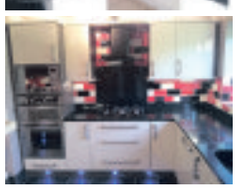
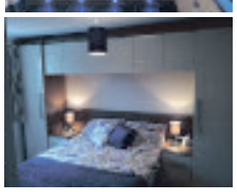

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Challenge accepted by 11,000

MORE than 11,000 children from across the county took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

The challenge ended on Monday, enabling participating youngsters, aged four-to-11, to collect their prizes.

The children were challenged to borrow and read any six library books during the summer holidays. This year's theme was Animal Agents, based on a detective agency staffed by all kinds of clever animals out to crack a case at the library with a little help from their friends.

Councillor Gill Heath, libraries chief, said: "The Summer Reading Challenge is always incredibly popular amongst our young readers and once again we have been delighted with the number of children signing up."

Witty wordsmith Digance delivers

Review by Kirsten Rawlins

HE'S worked with Tom Jones, Steve Martin, Brian May, Cilla Black and Status Quo – and last week witty wordsmith Richard Digance graced Bilston with a wonderful performance.

The hilarious poet, songwriter and musician took the Robin 2 stage in a shirt and jeans, acoustic guitar in-hand, and had the audience chuckling from the off with his entertaining tales and sharp, yet laid-back persona.

Digance spoke of The A5 Tour which he regularly undertook years ago; taking the comic to nearby towns such as Cannock and Norton Canes.

As a result of having previously toured the Midlands, he added he was particularly pleased to play the Black Country venue – he had never performed there before. He told tales of having worked with Steve Martin, his time on Countdown, working at Pebble Mill Studios in Birmingham and writing songs for Bernard Braden. He even treated the audience to the first song he wrote 'under order' – a hilarious number about discounted drinks at a pub, with a surprisingly witty ending.

Richard Digance at the Robin 2

A highlight was the recital of The World's Worst Magician; an amusing verse about an incompetent entertainer who accidentally saws his assistants in half and cuts the heads off doves.

Support act The Broadside Boys; a Suffolk folk duo whose voices and harmonies were beautiful and faultless, sandwich Digance's set.

He returned for the second half to give splendid renditions of witty songs, such as What's The Use Of Anything and Sod's Law.

A stunning acoustic rendition of Dire Straits' instrumental Local Hero showed he was not only a highly-skilled writer and comedian, but also a very talented musician.

Drivers urged: 20 is plenty

Councillor Helen Fisher stands next to a '20 is Plenty' sign

DRIVERS are being reminded that 20 is plenty now that pupils are back at school.

Each term more than a dozen schools take part in the Staffordshire County Council-led safety initiative – now in its eighth year – which is in place at the start and end of the school day. Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) which display the speed of a vehicle as it passes by are used to encourage drivers to slow down.

Signs have been installed near St Joseph and St Teresa, Burntwood; Hart Academy, Rugeley; Cheslyn Hay High & Primary; Marshbrook First, Penkridge and Netherstowe, Lichfield.

Helen Fisher, cabinet support member for Highways and Transport at Staffordshire County Council said: "This is an important scheme that helps to keep school children and our roads amongst the safest in the country."

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Builder to host open weekend

AN open event is to be held at a new village housing development near Rugeley next weekend.

Cameron Homes is hosting the event at its Austen Grange scheme in Hill Ridware on Saturday, September 23 and Sunday, September 24.

A sales adviser and independent financial adviser will be available at the development from 11am until 5pm on those days to discuss Cameron's 'part exchange' deal.

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On bike to aid charity

RIDERS are saddling up for a homeless charity fundraiser. Rides of five, 20, 33 and 65 miles are being held from Birches Valley on October 1.

Cakes and tea will be available while enjoying a brass band and all the proceeds will go towards i-Shelter, a charity supporting homeless people in Birmingham. Sign up at the British Cycling web page or at Swinnerton Cycles Forest Centre.

'Take pride in area' plea as campaign relaunched

RESIDENTS in the Ravenhill area of Rugeley are being urged to 'love your block' as part of a campaign encouraging tenants to take pride in where they live.

The campaign has already been relaunched in the Hillsprings area as well as in Moss Road and Carfax in Cannock. It will switch to Ravenhill on September 29, between 10am and 1pm.

Council officers and partner agencies will be giving out literature and advice as well as addressing local concerns.

This will include details about the 'love your block' initiative and how tenants can help; a satisfaction survey about the current housing service; how tenants can get involved and become a Resident Champion; and advice on fire safety, reporting concerns, money management and recycling.

Over the last few years, Cannock Chase Council has made various improvements to a number of communal flat blocks across the district.

Tenants have seen communal areas refurbished and transformed into clean, bright and welcoming spaces.

Environmental improvements to the outside areas have also been carried out to enhance the external appearance of estates.

'Love your block' aims to maintain the standard of these improvements by encouraging tenants and leaseholders to get involved and become a Resident Champion.

This will help keep the appearance of the communal areas clean and tidy.

As part of the initiative, a recruitment drive is under way to encourage tenants to become a 'champion' for their housing block.

Housing leader Councillor Frank Allen said: "This campaign has been very successful on other estates, so we are delighted to roll it out again."

By Mark Shipp

Councillors Frank Allen, Muriel Davis and Tony Johnson with Belinda Wildey, estate management team leader for Cannock Chase Council, and Tom Mabley from Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service

Team has advice on diabetes

THE community diabetes specialist team at Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Partnership NHS Trust is offering education sessions and support to people in Rugeley and Cannock.

The team has organised monthly 'bite size' education sessions about diabetes and physical activity.

They will be held in Rugeley and Cannock, with dates planned up to December. Places on the sessions can be booked by contacting the team on 01889 572038.

The peer support community group, which is supported by Diabetes UK, aims to provide advice, support and information to those with diabetes, as well as increasing awareness and public knowledge of the disease.

The launch meeting of the group will take place on Wednesday, September 27 from 6pm to 8pm, at Rugeley's Tesco café.

Club to stage pop tribute

A TRIBUTE to 1960s British pop group The Casuals takes place this month.

The New Casuals will perform at Rugeley Progressive Working Mens Club on September 29.

The original band, famous for the hit single Jesamine in 1968, broke up in 1976.

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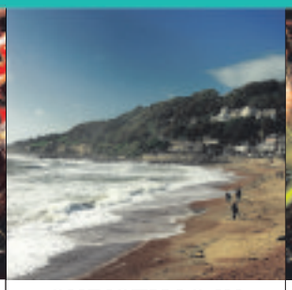

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The flames crawl up my leg – I'm on fire

Report by Juliet Hounam

WITH a deep breath I lower the visor over my eyes – the last exposed part of my body to the glowing heat outside.

Quickly, as the visor rapidly fills with steam, my vision is reduced to a series of moving shapes amongst the flames in front of me.

Head buried deep within my shield, I walk towards the threat, heart thumping. My surroundings have been reduced to a muddle of shapes and muffled noise.

I'm about to walk through a path of flames created by petrol bombs thrown at my feet as part of a police riot training exercise.

As I take the first step through the fire my clothes cling with sweat to my limbs, which are clunky and unresponsive under the restrictive padding. Disorientated, almost all of my senses and awareness are muted as if underwater, I stumble blindly onwards through acrid smoke.

Taking everything that's thrown at her – Juliet Hounam in training

Shouts

The sound of smashing glass from the thrown-down bottles and whoosh of flames kick-starts my adrenaline. My only option is to keep walking. Flames crawl up my leg and I realise I am on fire.

Shouts of 'stamp your feet' come from a murky figure, who appears in my line of sight bearing a fire extinguisher.

I'm soaked through with sweat. This is what it is like to be the target of petrol bombs, albeit as part of a controlled training exercise.

We had just been given exclusive access to Staffordshire Police's regional public disorder training centre, where officers experience annual 'refresher' training for a variety of passive and violent scenarios.

On this occasion, 50 officers were in the final phase of training on responding to 'high level', worst-case scenarios, such as petrol bombing.

The training centre, or Tactical Policing Unit, is in a number of hangars at the RAF Cosford base, near Wolverhampton.

Missiles thrown at police for training

Juliet Hounam is fully kitted out

The first training ground to combine regions, for 20 years it has been instructing officers to criteria set out by the College of Policing. Trainers from West Midlands, Staffordshire, West Mercia and Warwickshire Police gather there to train up to 3,000 police officers per year.

Public order units or 'riot police' have long held a controversial image. Their presence is often perceived as intimidating or aggressive, – with their protective head-to-toe gear which some critics suggest has military connotations. They have also previously come under fire for controversial crowd control tactics, such as 'kettling' – confining a group of demonstrators to a small area, as a method of crowd control.

As for me, I was happy to see the back of the heavy protective wear, which, after only half an hour and limited activity, had made me feel claustrophobic and exhausted. It is easy to see how those confusing and disorientating, high-pressure environments can sometimes cause the isolated mistakes that bring the wider force into disrepute.

Edward in an official visit to the Wilderness

PRINCE Edward swapped the regality of his royal residence at Windsor for a trip on the wild side as he paid a visit to an adventure centre.

The Earl of Wessex picked up the baton from his father as he joined students embarking on their Duke of Edinburgh's Award at the Wilderness Academy at Laches Wood outdoor centre in Coven. The Queen's youngest son met youngsters developing and learning survival skills in the heart of the forest.

Those that attend the centre will have the chance to sleep in tents, learn how to build shelters, cook food and light fires.

The prince in Coven

Arriving by helicopter, Edward was received by the Lord-Lieutenant of Staffordshire, Ian Dudson, and unveiled a commemorative plaque as part of his official visit.

He met pupils from Barnfields Primary School in Stafford who were showcasing woodcraft skills and African drumming.

Barnfields deputy headteacher Graham Bell said: "The children were rather nervous – they think meeting royalty is a bit like the Tudor times and were afraid of doing something wrong.

"The prince spoke to them and was really interested in the skills they had learned."

Later in the day the prince opened a new training complex at the Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service HQ in Stone.

Growing business

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Blooming lovely work praised

The maintenance team of Brian, Les, Derrin, Andy and Paul at Burntwood Park

BURNTWOOD – and the rest of Lichfield District – is in bloom tanks to the efforts of the council's maintenance team.

The team has worked throughout the summer to create spectacular floral displays and attractive parks, green spaces and roundabouts.

Areas maintained include bowling greens and football pitches, Burntwood Park and the golf course at Beacon Park. Altogether, the team looks after thousands of hectares of parkland and open spaces, hundreds of miles of highway verges, eighteen roundabouts and three church yards.

Councillor Iain Eadie, cabinet member for operational services, leisure & waste, said: "We're really proud of our grounds maintenance team and the work they do."

Massive increase in fire calls to prison

FIREFIGHTERS are being called to prisons in Staffordshire almost twice a week following a massive rise in incidents in the last six years.

In 2011 they were called out just 19 times but that number has risen since – more than doubling to 53 in 2013 and nearly doubling again to 103 in 2015 followed by an increase to 111 last year.

Inmates recently lit a fire at HMP Featherstone as they set about trashing a wing and barricading themselves in a cell.

Fires – HMP Featherstone

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service has stated that although incidents within prisons can be 'dangerous', most attendances were as a precaution only. Jim Bywater, fire service central prevent and protect group manager, said: "We're aware of the increased number of incidents over recent years that we're attending at prisons within Staffordshire. It is important to note that in the vast majority of cases we attend as a precaution, and the majority of reported incidents we attend have been dealt with by prison staff prior to our arrival.

"We are working with the prison authorities to prevent and reduce the number."

A Prison Service spokesman said: "We will never compromise on the safety of those in our care and staff are trained to respond to emergency situations in a timely, appropriate manner."

Last year the fire service were called to one of the county's prisons almost once every three days.

The county's jails are; Oakwood, Featherstone and Brinsford, Stafford, Dovegate in Uttoxeter, Drake Hall near Stone, Swinfen Hall in Lichfield and Werrington in Stoke-on-Trent.

Play pays homage to Austen

A THEATRE group marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Jane Austen with their own take on Pride & Prejudice in Lichfield.

LipService pay tribute with Mr Darcy Loses the Plot at the Garrick on September 23, from 7.30pm.

As Austen sits writing, she dreams up Mr Darcy, a proud, lip curling, handsome creation in very tight pants, but then a door squeaks, a visitor approaches and Austen hastily hides her work.

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Reward is one of lowest pensions

IN response to Roger Watts ("Stand up to Brexit bullies", August 31), there is a vociferous left wing minority in this country who insist anyone who supports Brexit is a right wing extremist, these people are dangerous because they not only forget that the majority of the electorate in this country voted to leave the EU, but they are openly attempting to undermine democracy.

Roger Watts said 'the old have got what they want out of the EU and are now refusing the young the same opportunities'.

This is fanciful and ill informed nonsense. Old people have spent the last 40 or 50 years working which involves paying national insurance and income tax and have put a damned sight more into this country than any young people today. Their reward is one of the lowest old age pensions in Europe. You claim Brexiteers don't care about the young when nothing could be further from the truth.

ANDREW WILLIAMS
Rugeley

More credit for work at Five Ways

I READ with interest Councillor J McMahon's letter regarding the recent road repairs taking place at Five Ways ("Credit for road repairs," Chronicle, September 7).

I would also like to give credit to the following organisations:

Norton Canes Parish Council – made up of UKIP, Labour and Conservative councillors who through Staffordshire County Council reporting systems highlighted, recorded and obtained incident numbers for all repairs.

Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Parish Council – made up of UKIP, Labour and Conservative councillors who through Staffordshire County Council reporting systems highlighted, recorded and obtained incident numbers for all repairs and recorded via their Facebook page.

Special thanks also to Diane Todd who as our then county councillor representative ensured that all these potholes were placed into the repairs programme, money allocated to this programme and who then on a weekly basis ensured that the allocated funding did not disappear to another programme.

ANN BERNARD
UKIP parish councillor

Team ought to look at figures

THE 'team' behind Birmingham's bid for the 2022 Commonwealth Games say 'it would provide a positive sporting legacy for the city'.

The 'legacy' of the 2012 Olympics is that as of June 2016, 8,700 fewer people played sport or exercised at least once a week than did in 2012.

JOHN MAIN
Great Wyrley

Why were roads allowed to get into such a state?

I CANNOT get over the hypocrisy shown in the letter by Councillor John McMahon praising the Conservative county council on the road repairs to Five Ways Island.

Whilst the repairs were well needed, one should ask oneself as to why the roads were allowed to get in the terrible state that needed all these repairs.

Could it be the lack of maintenance in the first place because of the austerity measures that have been legislated for by a Conservative government?

MIKE DAVEY
Rugeley

It's nothing to be proud of

I WOULD like to remind Mr McMahon that self-praise is no recommendation.

It's only through Tory-run Staffordshire County Council's neglect of the roads in the first place that the roads now need all this work. Not a record to be proud of.

RAY SAVIN
Heath Hayes

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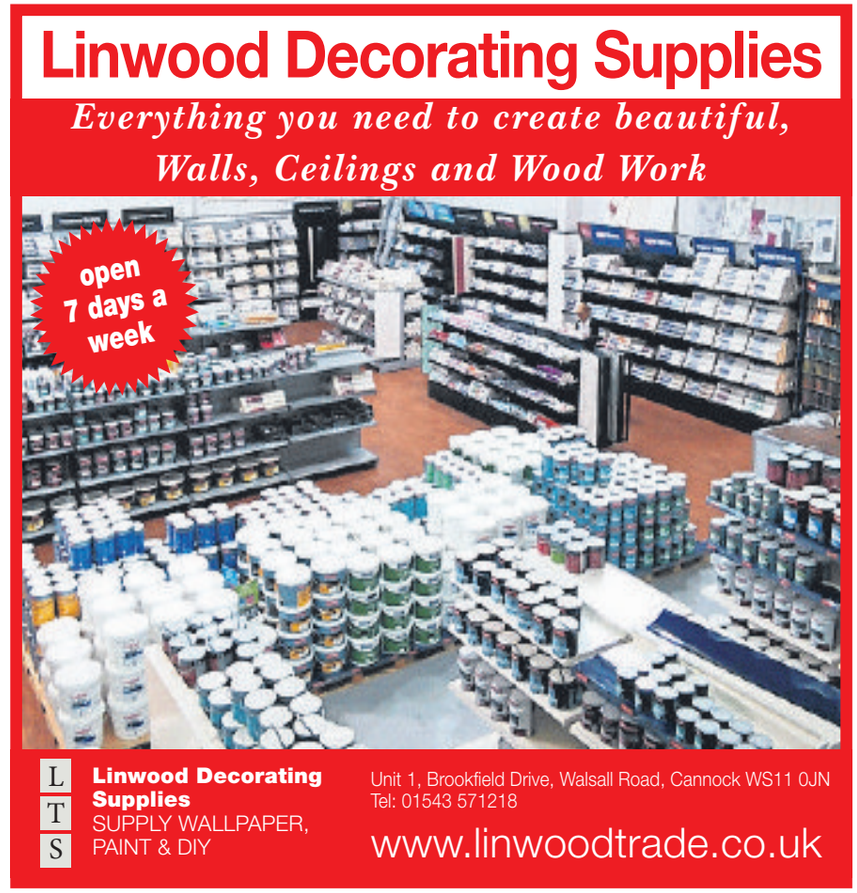

Don't miss the bus survey

PEOPLE are being reminded to have their say on how the budget for subsidising bus travel in Staffordshire can be best spent – whether they use any of the services or not.

All bus journeys in Staffordshire are operated by either private bus companies or by voluntary and community organisations, and the county council is asking people for their views on four possible options for subsidised bus travel with the funding that is available for 2017-18.

The consultation runs until this Sunday.

Full details of the four options and how to have a say can be found at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/busreview

The final option will be agreed by the cabinet in the autumn, and changes will be implemented in April 2018.

Responses by 101-calls staff impress panel

AN independent review of 101 call handling has left members of a Safer Neighbourhood Panel 'impressed with the standard of response to calls and the service delivered'.

Safer Neighbourhood Panel (SNP) members in Cannock, along with other SNPs, attended awareness raising sessions for 101 and 999 call handling earlier this year. The sessions involved looking at the nature of calls to the service, response times and recent changes aimed at improving the response to the public. Following the sessions, panel members attended a scrutiny session.

The panel focused their scrutiny on the initial response to the call, the call handler's listening skills and engagement with the caller and their comprehension of and response to the nature of calls.

During their review, panel members were impressed by the standard of responses to calls and the service delivered by call handlers, and passed along their praise to members of staff.

They also identified several areas of the service that could be improved.

Aim

These included call handlers explaining to the caller any silences that happen due to inputting data and ensuring that the caller is aware of what is going to happen next.

The Safer Neighbourhood Panels were launched by Staffordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Ellis, with the aim of shining the spotlight on local policing and making Staffordshire's police service 'the most open and transparent in the UK'.

The panels examine, challenge and influence the work of police at a local level and hold Local Policing Team commanders to account, as well as looking at wider criminal justice and community safety issues in their area.

Farm set for its first ever pumpkin crop

Farm owner Chris Barton with his pumpkin crop

THE autumn leaves may only just have started falling but one family-run business is gearing up for Halloween already. Canalside Farm has grown its own produce for more than 30 years but has never grown pumpkins – until now.

In May, at the farm, near Rugeley, they decided to plant 1,500 pumpkins for visitors to have their pick to carve up some spooky faces for Halloween. This means there could be 4,500 in time for Halloween because pumpkin plants usually yield two to three pumpkins.

Chris Barton, owner of the farm, said: "We are very excited about our first ever pumpkin crop and hope that people will come and enjoy this new 'pick your own' experience as well as the activities we have planned over the Halloween period.

"The pumpkins are beginning to ripen nicely, so we're hoping that we might even have some in time to launch our new pumpkin cupcakes for National Cupcake Week which starts on September 18."

Services 'good'

VULNERABLE children in Staffordshire are very well protected, Ofsted has found. For the second inspection in a row, the county council's services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers are all rated as 'good' in every category.

Awards for police help

ENTRIES are open to nominate police volunteers who give up their free time to help with a number of policing roles in Staffordshire.

The achievements of support volunteers, cadets and special constables will be recognised in nine categories for the Lord Ferrers Awards 2017. The deadline to nominate at www.gov.uk is September 17.

Folk night to launch at refurbished pub

STAFFORD looks set to have a new town centre folk venue – launched by two popular performers.

Mike Wilson and Damien Barber have been booked for the first gig at the newly refurbished Bird in Hand pub in Mill Street on Thursday, September 28. The Stafford Folk Music and Dance Facebook page says that if the first night goes well, this could be the start of a regular series of traditional folk shows. Only 50 tickets will be available and it is expected they will be snapped up quickly.

Meanwhile, Fish From Oblivion, a Stafford folk and world music group, will be presenting a double-bill concert this Saturday to showcase their new CD. The show will be at the Shrewsbury Arms in Eastgate Street.

Insight into centuries gone by at open days

HISTORIC buildings gave visitors a unique insight into the past at a series of open days over the weekend.

Sites such as the Black Country Living Museum, Haden Hill Museum and Dudley Coroner's Court took part in Heritage Open Days, a nationwide effort to celebrate the history and culture behind some of the area's oldest and most important buildings.

At the Black Country Living Museum on Tipton Road, Dudley, curators showed some of the sites of hidden treasures, offering a chance to find out the stories that lie behind some lesser-known pieces of the 80,000 objects stored at the museum.

James Nicholls, aged seven, helps Paul Humphrey from Luton, Robert Mottram-Jones of Penkridge and Chris Modd of Wednesfield at Moseley Old Hall

The Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum is one of the venues that will be taking part in Lichfield Heritage Weekend

Protected

At Moseley Old Hall in Featherstone, visitors were thrown straight into the middle of an historic adventure from the building's past.

For just 70 hours in 1651 Moseley Old Hall protected the future King of England, Charles Stuart, from discovery by Parliament soldiers.

Fearing for his life, the young man hid in an apparently ordinary home, helped by a family and their friends.

Costumed characters brought the story to life, with visitors getting in on the action, too.

In Willenhall, people had a chance to step back into the past at the Locksmith's House in New Road.

The property celebrates the efforts of the small family-run lockmaking businesses which thrived more than a century ago.

The house is recreated with the actual belongings and furniture of the Hodson family of lockmakers, the last inhabitants of 54 New Road, Willenhall.

Nationally, Heritage Open Days see 40,000 volunteers across England organise 5,000 events to honour historic venues.

● Lichfield Heritage Weekend will take place across the city on September 23 and 24.

The event will feature a range of themed performances, walks, activities and entertainment for all ages.

Among the venues that will throw open their doors are The Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum, Erasmus Darwin House, Lichfield Cathedral, the Guildhall prison cells, Lichfield Record Office in Lichfield Library, Wade Street Church, Cruck House and Dr Milley's Hospital.

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So excited! Bev drops in on group that helped her

QUEEN of soul Beverley Knight lit up a Midland venue when she dropped in on an am-dram show by the theatre group which helped set her on the path to stardom.

The singer was at the Arena Theatre for the first night of Wolverhampton Youth Music Theatre's production of the musical Memphis.

She had her picture taken with the cast, including Brittany Jarman-Watson, who was playing Felicia Farrell, the same role the 44-year-old star played to great critical acclaim in the West End three years ago.

And she brought with her a message from David Bryan, keyboard player with the rock band Bon Jovi, who wrote the music and lyrics to the show, based on the early days of rock 'n' roll when racial prejudice was rife in America.

Bev with producer Diane Spencer

The singer was at the Arena Theatre

Message

Holding up her phone, she played them a short video message in which the musician, speaking from his home in New Jersey, America, told them: "All you kids in Wolverhampton – good luck tonight."

Beverley, whose niece Abi Clayton was doing hair and make-up for the show, said: "He was so chuffed when I phoned him and told him you guys were doing Memphis. He's a massive rock star and the fact he even had time to send a message is amazing."

She told the cast: "I'm so excited, it's ridiculous. I'm so proud you are doing Memphis. It's an important show because a lot of the issues that you will be portraying are actually going on in the streets as we speak, especially in America. Have the best time. Everyone is in your corner."

The former Highfields School pupil said taking part in amateur dramatics when she was younger helped to shape her own stage performances.

"I'm here because I think it's important to come back to where it started for you and get behind the kids."

The star is looking forward to seeing more of her family when she returns to the Midlands at Christmas for a panto run at the Birmingham Hippodrome.

She said: "Wolverhampton made me. I was born here, and I'm proud that I was born here."

The singer revealed she was recovering well from a recent hysterectomy.

Cast of Memphis by Wolverhampton Youth Music Theatre

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It's hard work but we were obsessed

Strictly Come Dancing made them household names. But Vincent and Flavia have outlasted the BBC's number one family show by hitting the road for a series of UK tours.

They are back on the road with a new production, Tango Moderno, and will headline Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Tuesday until September 23 – with extra matinees on Wednesday and the Saturday.

Tango Moderno is the irresistible new stage spectacular from tango superstars Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace.

Dance partners for over two decades, world champions, Strictly favourites and West End stage stars Vincent and Flavia plan to fuse Ballroom, Latin, and Argentine tango to give fans a performance that smoulders with desire.

Their latest show follows the successes of Midnight Tango, hailed as 'a triumph' by the Daily Telegraph, the 'utterly unmissable' Dance Til Dawn (Smooth Radio) and the 'fabulous must-see' The Last Tango (Radio Times).

Flavia says the dancer's fourth show will give fans something new. "It's always important to try something we've not done before. The fourth time round is difficult because we've done so many different stories.

"But we wanted this show to be more modern, more up to date, so the music will be a little more recognisable, particularly by the younger generation. It's music from the radio, it's set in an urban city and it's got that contemporary vibe. There'll be a story and we'll be part of the narration."

Partners through time – Vincent and Flavia love dancing together

PASSION

Vincent added that dance was his great passion – but staying focused for a long UK tour was always tough.

"Motivation is the hardest part, to be honest. All the people that dance and do this job will agree. When it's live on stage it's great because you connect to the normal people. They are the people – mums, parents and so on – who keep you going.

"And that's great because they keep you sane. You suffer from solitude quite a lot because you're away every week at different hotels. Sometimes you wake up and think 'where am I?' because we travel so much."

Putting together a major new show is tough. It takes weeks and weeks of 10am-to-6pm rehearsals before a technical week ahead of the first show. Flavia says: "You have really long days and there is a bit of adrenalin and nerves. Once the show's up and running it eases off. We tend to do a half-hour warm-up before every show. We have a little time off and people do their own thing, going to the gym, resting or walking. You learn to do that, or you take a massage or see the physio."

Vincent moved to the UK when he was 17 to follow his dream of dancing.

"I wanted to become the best in the world, as everybody else does, so I moved here. It was a coincidence that I met Flavia, who was Italian and moved here at the age of four.

"Every day, we had dance lessons and were training. Our lives were really about that, you know, about competitions and trying to win. We wanted to get into the final and get the world championship. That was our lives."

The couple then got asked to do a couple of performances on Strictly before the show's producer asked them to become a part of it full-time.

Flavia said: "We didn't know how big the show was. Even now, I can't believe we've been through all of that. It was amazing."

Vincent says: "Before we were famous in the ballroom world and we could walk the high street. Now people stop us and want to have a photo. It was a shock to the system. Since then, we've never looked for work, it's come to us. We didn't think 'shall we do theatre?' The producers came to us and here we are."

Favia adds: "It's been a long road and initially during the first part of our careers it was a hell of a lot of sacrifice. You think back and realise how hard you worked and that we didn't have a life. We were obsessed with the weekend being about travelling to an event and a competition and paying a £40 entry fee.

"Then at 10am we'd do round one and come out at 10pm in the evening. That was the weekend gone. Then it was dance lessons, practice rehearsals and training. Now we look back and it's 'wow'. We wouldn't do that again. My niece is dancing these days but I am so not-pro dancing. I know how hard it is and what you have to go through. I'm trying to sway her off. It's really hard work. I know the sacrifice young people have to make in their teens and 20s. It can affect lots of things in later life. But it's worked for us and we've kept going and gone from one thing for another. We were lucky, things could have been very different. We don't regret anything."

You think back and realise how hard you worked and that we didn't have a life

The couple have visited Birmingham on plenty of occasions and always feel at home in the Second City. They're looking forward to their return and will be out and about in the city's restaurants and shops.

Favia says: "We love Birmingham and are always happy to come up there. I remember places because of the shopping. I try to go to Lasan every time, if my husband comes up. He loves Birmingham too and studied there."

Vincent adds: "I used to buy, buy, buy. I'd buy one for the stage and one for myself. My wardrobe is exploding. So no more shopping. There might be a beautiful leather jacket, however, so you never know."

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John Legend

Legend to enjoy Darkness and Light at his concert

Acclaimed, multi-platinum selling, Oscar, Golden Globe and Grammy Award winning singer-songwriter John Legend brings his 'Darkness and Light' tour to the Arena Birmingham on Wednesday.

Featuring the singles Surefire and Love Me Now, the album Darkness and Light was released to critical acclaim in December 2016.

Since its release – the fifth studio album from the American singer – Legend has co-executive produced and starred in the box office smash musical La La Land, which has gone on to win seven Golden Globe Awards and six Academy Awards. He also performed the title track to the recent Disney live action remake of Beauty and the Beast with the increasingly popular Ariana Grande.

It's worth getting to the Birmingham city centre venue early to catch support from husky-voiced singer-songwriter Jack Savoretti, who won lots of new fans with his albums Written in Scars and Sleep No More.

Tickets for the Barclaycard Arena date are on sale, starting at £51.53, from www.theticketfactory.com or by calling 0844 33 88 222.

A musician faces greatest challenge

Tom Kempinski's award-winning play Duet For One, about a talented musician struck down by a debilitating illness, is being staged at Birmingham Rep from September 22 to October 7.

In this powerful, moving and at times poignantly funny play, Stephanie Abrahams is a brilliant concert violinist who seemingly has it all, but is forced to re-evaluate her life by a shock diagnosis.

Faced with a truth too difficult to comprehend she consults psychiatrist Dr Feldmann, resulting in a duel between two razor-sharp minds in Kempinski's ultimately life-enhancing tribute to the human spirit.

The play, which was inspired by the life of cellist Jacqueline Du Pré, premiered at the Bush Theatre in 1980 with Frances De La Tour and David de Keyser and had great success in West End and Broadway runs.

It also had a major revival in 2009 starring Juliet Stephenson and Henry Goodman.

The film adaptation of Duet For One, released in 1986, saw Julie Andrews nominated for the Golden Globe for Best Actress.

Jemma Redgrave was billed to play the role of Stephanie Abrahams but had to pull out of the production due to ill health.

Now the part is being played by Belinda Lang, pictured above, familiar from her TV roles in 2point4 Children and Second Thoughts.

She last trod the boards at Birmingham Rep in East is East.

Oliver Cotton, best known for his role as Cesare Borgia in BBC series The Borgias, will play Dr Feldmann.

Book tickets online at birmingham-rep.co.uk/duet or call 0121 236 4455.

Gary is gagging for new tour date

Stand-up comic Gary Delaney is bringing his There's Something About Gary show to Stourbridge Town Hall on Saturday

The Solihull-born comic, married to fellow comedian Sarah Millican, is the only comic ever to have got two gags in the top 10 for Dave's TV Funniest Jokes. His last tour took in more than 200 venues. Delaney, a double Sony Award winner, is a regular on TV's Mock the Week.

Tickets fcost £15. Call the box office on 01384 812812 or see www.boroughhalls.co.uk website.

In the Nik of time for Kershaw's Robin gig

Singer Nik Kershaw will perform in Bilston later this month. The 56-year-old idol of the 80s, whose debut album Human Racing gave him his first UK top five hits with I Won't Let The Sun Go Down On Me and Wouldn't It Be Good, will be appearing at The Robin 2 in Mount Pleasant on Sunday, September 24. Advance tickets are £25 from the box office on 01902 401211 or online at www.therobin.co.uk, or £27 on the door.

Other gigs to look out for include traditional 70s-style rockers The Quireboys at Wolverhampton Slade Rooms this Saturday, the same night Nick Dagger brings The Counterfeit Stones to the Robin 2. Deborah Bonham is at the Slade Rooms next Friday, September 22, the same night Big Country, with singer Simon Hough, are at the Robin.

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SATURDAY'S TV SEPTEMBER 16

CHOICE

Paddy McGuinness

Even Better Than the Real Thing
(BBC1, 7pm)
Paddy McGuinness presents performances by some of the UK's best tribute artists, beginning with doubles of Whitney Houston, George Michael, Little Mix, Amy Winehouse and Bruno Mars, who perform individually and in never-before-seen duets. At the end of the show, the studio audience gets to vote on their favourite act of the night.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Live PDC Darts Champions League. Coverage of four group-stage matches. **4.30** Final Score. **5.25** BBC News. **5.35** Regional Programme. **5.40** Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme.

6.10 Pointless Celebrities. TV experts Kieran Long, Piers Taylor, Martin Roberts, Amanda Lamb, Vicki Butler-Henderson, Tiff Needell, John Hammond and Laura Tobin compete in the unorthodox quiz show. (R)

7.00 Even Better Than the Real Thing. Paddy McGuinness presents some of the UK's best tribute artists, beginning with doubles of Whitney Houston, George Michael, Little Mix, Amy Winehouse and Bruno Mars.

8.00 Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. The first couple to win two rounds get to play for £50,000 and each time the champions defeat a new set of opponents their winnings mount up. Last in the series.

8.45 Casualty. Dylan's attempt to reunite Sanosi with his uncle does not go according to plan, while Alicia wants to learn to drive, but a crash course with Elle ends in an accident.

9.35 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes ends up at the wrong venue after trying to gatecrash Maria's hen party. She then tries to impress the bride-to-be's mother during a dinner date, but the evening ends in chaos. (R)

10.05 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.25 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Watford v Manchester City at Vicarage Road and Tottenham Hotspur v Swansea City at Wembley Stadium.

11.55 People Just Do Nothing. Grindah goes on his stag night, but ends up having cold feet while Beats makes a mistake when booking the stripper.

12.25 Film: The Uninvited. (2009) **1.45** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.50** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 The NFL Show. (R) **6.30** How We Won the War. (R) **7.00 Film:** My Favorite Wife. (1940) A man remarries seven years after his wife's disappearance – then finds his life thrown into turmoil by her unexpected return. Screwball comedy, with Cary Grant and Irene Dunne. **8.25** James Mason: Talking Pictures. (R) **9.05 Film:** Hotel Reserve. (1944) Thriller, starring James Mason. **10.30** Railways of the Great War with Michael Portillo. (R) **11.00** Coast. (R) **12.00** Len and Ainsley's Big Food Adventure. (R) **12.45** Triathlon: World Grand Final. Ore Oduba introduces coverage of the season finale in Rotterdam, featuring the men's and women's elite races. With analysis by Annie Emmerson and Vicky Holland. **5.15** The Big Family Cooking Showdown. (R)

6.15 Dad's Army. Mainwaring and his platoon set up an observation post in the local lighthouse, but manage to annoy ARP warden Hodges by inadvertently flooding the whole town with light during an air raid. Comedy first shown in 1970, starring Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier. (R)

6.45 PDC Champions League of Darts. Jason Mohammad presents coverage of four further group-stage matches from Motorpoint Arena in Cardiff, as the second staging of the competition featuring the world's top eight players continues. This session will see the four winners from this afternoon's clashes face each other, while the four losers from those contests will be involved in the other games.

10.15 The A-Z of Later – with Jools Holland: From Adele to ZZ Top. Highlights from the past 25 years of the music programme, including the TV debuts of Adele and Amy Winehouse, as well as performances by Sting, Chrissie Hynde and Rag 'n' Bone Man.

11.45 Film: The White Countess. (2005) A relationship develops between a blind former American diplomat and a Russian refugee in 1930s Shanghai. Period romantic drama, with Ralph Fiennes and Natasha Richardson.

1.50 Film: Renoir. (2012) The elderly impressionist painter finds fresh inspiration in a model, but his son falls in love with her. Drama, with Michel Bouquet, Christa Theret and Vincent Rottiers. **3.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Mission Employable. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Oddbods. (R) **7.20** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Fangbone. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Star Wars: The Yoda Chronicles. (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. **9.25** Saturday Morning with James Martin. **11.20** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** The X Factor. (R) **1.30** ITV Racing: Live at Doncaster. Including coverage of day three of the St Leger meeting in Doncaster. **4.00 Film:** Bean. (1997) Comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson. **5.35** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 The Family Chase.

7.00 Cannonball. Andrew Flintoff hosts the action-packed game show, in which contestants tackle a series of water-based, obstacle course challenges in the hope of claiming the Cannonball Cup.

8.00 The X Factor. Talent contest, hosted by Dermot O'Leary, in which solo singers and groups compete to impress judges Sharon Osbourne, Nicole Scherzinger, Louis Walsh and Simon Cowell and win a recording contract.

9.15 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host is joined by some of the stars of The Great British Bake-Off, with old hand Paul Hollywood and new presenter Noel Fielding dropping in to discuss the current series in its new home on Channel 4. Jonathan also chats to the cast of spy comedy sequel Kingsman: The Golden Circle, welcoming Taron Egerton, who reprises his role from the original film as trainee spy Eggsy, and a trio of Oscar-winners in the shape of Jeff Bridges, Halle Berry and Julianne Moore. Craig David completes tonight's guest list, and performs live in the studio.

10.20 ITV News; Weather.

10.35 Film: The Nutty Professor. (1996) Comedy remake, starring Eddie Murphy, Jada Pinkett Smith and James Coburn.

12.20 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Motor Sport: Volkswagen Racing Cup. **6.40** Triathlon: Vitoria-Gasteiz. **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Practice 3 Live. **12.25** F1 Meets Jackie Stewart. **12.55** Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Qualifying Live. Coverage of the Singapore Grand Prix qualifying session (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.45** World's Most Expensive Cars. **4.45** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **5.35** Location, Location, Location. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Dunkirk: The New Evidence. Documentary examining the famous Second World War evacuation of Allied soldiers – codenamed Operation Dynamo – from the beaches of Dunkirk, France, between May 26 and June 4, 1940. Recently released Ministry of Defence files reveal that, far from being absent as many historians have believed, the RAF was suffering massive losses supporting the evacuation. Operating at high altitude and deep inside France, RAF planes were halting the bulk of Luftwaffe bombers before they could reach the beaches. The files also reveal that the famous Spitfire took flight for the first time during the mission, and the agile fighter was a spectacular success. (R)

8.00 WWII's Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails. New series. Monty Halls reveals stories of Allied soldiers who escaped from Nazi territory during the Second World War, starting with the most successful mass escape of Allied PoWs.

9.00 Film: Super 8. (2011) A boy and his friends sneak out at night to film an amateur zombie movie, only to witness a train derailment. As people start disappearing from their town and the military descends in force, they come to realise a dangerous alien was being transported on the train and is now on the loose. Sci-fi thriller, starring Joel Courtney.

11.20 Film: The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones. (2013)

1.35 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **2.30** Hollyoaks. **4.35** Location, Location, Location. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.20** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.55** Animals Make You Laugh Out Loud 2. (R) **11.20 Film:** Columbo: Grand Deceptions. (1989) **1.15 Film:** Columbo: Murder, Smoke and Shadows. (1989) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.10** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **4.10** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **5.10** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R)

6.05 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Agents Max and Steve try to recover almost £2,000 owed by the owner of a bridal shop in London, while officers Gary and Cona in Kent chase over £4,000 of vet fees after two neighbouring dogs got into a fight. Elsewhere, agents in south west London, agents try to collect almost £11,500 owed by a small business. (R)

7.00 Can't Pay Special: Big Family Bust Up. One-off edition in which the High Court enforcement agents are caught in the crossfire of three bitter family disputes, including a debt-dodging man who pushes his panic-stricken mother over the edge. Plus, a family booted onto the streets at night by a ruthless aunt, and a man who won't engage with the agents and loses his car. (R)

8.00 The Great Fire: Death and Destruction. The worst day of the inferno, revealing how St Paul's Cathedral burned so fiercely its stones exploded and Pudding Lane baker Thomas Farriner made sure no blame landed on him. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship, including Barnsley v Aston Villa at Oakwell, Hull City v Sunderland at KCOM Stadium, and Millwall v Leeds United at The Den.

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. Colin Murray introduces all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including Blackburn Rovers v AFC Wimbledon, and Lincoln City v Mansfield Town.

10.30 The NCIS Movie: Legend. Feature-length episode. The agents travel to LA to work with another NCIS team on an investigation that escalates into a high-priority case, and Tony begins to pry into Ziva's life. (R)

12.05 Cricket on 5. **1.05** SuperCasino. **3.10** Ring of Fire.

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BBC Four

7.00 The Brain with David Eagleman **8.00** Swarm: Nature's Incredible Invasions **9.00** Black Lake **10.25** Easter Island: Mysteries of a Lost World **11.55** Top of the Pops: 1984 **12.30** Timeshift: The People's Liners – Britain's Lost Pleasure Fleets **1.30** A Very British Map: The Ordnance Survey Story **2.30** Swarm: Nature's Incredible Invasions **3.30** Close

ITV2

12.00 Film: Sweet Home Alabama (2002) **1.05** FYI Daily **1.10 Film:** Sweet Home Alabama (2002) **2.10** The X Factor **3.15 Film:** The Incredible Hulk (2008) **4.15** FYI Daily **4.20 Film:** The Incredible Hulk (2008) **5.25 Film:** King Kong (2005) **6.25** FYI Daily **6.30 Film:** King Kong (2005) **9.00 Film:** The Fast and the Furious (2001) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** The Fast and the Furious (2001) **11.10** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.05** Celebrity Juice **2.05** Bromans **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3

12.00 Film: Carry On Matron (1972) **1.05** FYI Daily **1.10 Film:** Carry On Matron (1972) **1.50** Wycliffe **2.55** Foyle's War **7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** A Touch of Frost **1.10** On the Buses **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.45 Pawn Stars **3.25 Film:** The Pink Panther (1963) **4.25** FYI Daily **4.30 Film:** The Pink Panther (1963) **5.45 Film:** Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) **6.45** FYI Daily **6.50 Film:** Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) **7.45** Live Boxing. Callum Smith v Erik Skoglund. **11.30 Film:** Tango & Cash (1989) **12.30** FYI Daily **12.35 Film:** Tango & Cash (1989) **1.40** The Classic Car Show **2.35** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.15 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **12.30** The Goldbergs **2.00** Streetmate **3.00** Don't Tell the Bride **4.00** The Great British Bake Off **5.15** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice **6.05** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Bad Teacher (2011) **10.50** Naked Attraction **11.55** Celebs Go Dating **3.00** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **3.55** How I Met Your Mother **4.40** Rude(ish) Tube

Film4

11.00 Marmaduke (2010) **1.00** The Rugrats Movie (1999) **2.35** The Three Musketeers (1973) **4.45** Field of Dreams (1989) **6.55** Dante's Peak (1997) **9.00** 2 Guns (2013) **11.10** Nina Forever (2015) **1.15** Black Swan (2010) **3.30** Close

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SUNDAY'S TV SEPTEMBER 17

CHOICE

Richard Madden

Electric Dreams: The Hood Maker
(Channel 4, 9pm)
New series. Sci-fi anthology series featuring stories based on the works of Philip K Dick. The first story is set in a strangely archaic future city, following a devastating meteor shower that has wiped out much of the world's technology. The cataclysm has also led to the development of a breed of telepathic mutants, and as tensions arise between the new race of 'teeps' and the remnants of humanity, war seems inevitable. The only hope of stopping the conflict falls with a human and a teep struggling to suppress their feelings for one another.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Fake or Fortune? (R) **2.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Points of View. **4.00** Songs of Praise. **4.35** How to Stay Young. (R) **5.35** Invictus: Battle to the Start Line.

6.35 BBC News.
6.50 Regional Programme.
7.00 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison celebrates the Lake District becoming a World Heritage Site, examining the factors that allow an area to become a protected landscape and examining how local people have shaped the national park. Plus, a look ahead to this year's Children in Need Big Ramble with a father and son who are raising money for the charity, and details of how viewers can take part in the event.
8.00 Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and art expert Philip Mould investigate the first work of sculpture featured on the show, an unusual piece called The Gazing Head, which may have been made by Alberto Giacometti in 1930s Paris. The quest to uncover the truth is complicated by the fact that the sculpture was once broken into several pieces by a cat. Last in the series.
9.00 Strike – The Silkworm. Conclusion of the two-part adaptation of JK Rowling's detective novel. Strike and Robin become suspicious of Fancourt after he makes a revealing mistake during a TV interview, while an encounter at a party leads to further suspicious revelations. The authorship of the fatal novel comes under question, and a literary analyst is called in to examine the test. Matthew is less than happy to discover that Strike and Robin are working together again, while Leonora discovers a mysterious purchase was made on the family credit card.
10.00 BBC News.
10.20 Regional Programme.
10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action.
11.30 Fugitives. (R)
12.15 Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.20 BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 Great British Garden Revival. (R) **7.05** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.05** The Beechgrove Garden. **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food. (R) **11.30** My Life on a Plate. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** PDC Champions League of Darts. Coverage of the concluding group-stage matches from Motorpoint Arena in Cardiff, as the second staging of the competition featuring the world's top eight players continues. **4.30** Tribes, Predators & Me. (R) **5.30** Top Gear. (R)
6.30 PDC Champions League of Darts. Jason Mohammad presents coverage of the semi-finals and final from Cardiff's Motorpoint Arena, as the players to have progressed through the group stage hope to claim the £100,000 first prize. These matches will take place over the best of 21 legs, as the winner of the second staging of this tournament is set to be decided.
10.00 Film: Risk. (2016) Premiere. Documentary following Wikileaks founder Julian Assange over the course of six years during his political asylum in the Ecuadorian embassy in London, as he sought to avoid extradition to Sweden on sexual assault allegations. The programme examines how Assange's situation impacted on the organisation and movement he had created, and the conflicts and contradictions within his inner circle.
11.25 Film: The Devil's Double. (2011) An Iraqi soldier is forced to become a double for Saddam Hussein's sadistic son Uday to distract assassins. His new role plunges him into a world of depravity, as he becomes a first-hand witness to the acts of murder and violence Uday routinely indulges in. Drama, starring Dominic Cooper, Ludivine Sagnier and Philip Quast.
1.10 Sign Zone: Question Time. David Dimbleby chairs a new run of topical debate in which a panel of politicians and other guests face questions from the audience. Stratford in east London is the location for the first show, with guests including novelist Will Self. (R) **2.10** Holby City. As Guy's behaviour becomes increasingly erratic, Zosia's concerns put her in an impossible position, and Donna is shocked when her patient has a surprising visitor. (R) **3.10** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Mission Employable. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Oddbods. (R) **7.20** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Ben 10. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** James Martin's French Adventure. (R) **9.55 Film:** Problem Child. (1990) **11.30** Robson Green's Coastal Lives. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** Bear Grylls Survival School. (R) **1.10** Catchphrase. (R) **1.50** The X Factor. (R) **3.00 Film:** Never Say Never Again. (1983) **5.35** Victoria. (R)
6.35 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.45 ITV News; Weather.
7.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. Ben Shephard presents a celebrity edition of the quiz, in which Professor Green, Sair Khan and Sean Kelly answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine.
8.00 The X Factor. Talent contest, hosted by Dermot O'Leary, in which solo singers and groups compete to win a recording contract.
9.00 Victoria. The royal court celebrates the birth of the Queen's second child, but Victoria alone is unhappy as she struggles to bond with her newborn son. A crisis compels Albert to return to Coburg, separating the couple for the first time since their wedding, and on his arrival, he learns a terrible family secret that leaves him plunged into torment. Skerrett makes a disastrous mistake that puts Francatelli in jeopardy, while Drummond's relationship with Lord Alfred comes under threat by a reluctant revelation.
10.05 ITV News; Weather.
10.20 Judge Rinder's Crime Stories. Barrister Robert Rinder examines the cases of six children killed in a house fire that may not have been an accident and a woman who suffered a brutal attack in her own home. (R)
11.20 Liar. (R)
12.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights.

CHANNEL 4

6.20 Last Man Standing. **6.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Live Build-Up. A look ahead to the race. **12.35** Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Live. Coverage of the 14th race of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.10** Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Live Reaction. In-depth analysis of this afternoon's race. **4.15** The Crystal Maze. (R) **5.15** The Great British Bake Off. (R)
6.30 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year. George Clarke presides over the final categories, for eco-friendly and budget sheds, before the judges decide which of the eight finalists is this year's winner. Last in the series.
8.00 Speed with Guy Martin: F1 Challenge. The motorcycle racer joins a Formula One pit crew during the 2017 Belgian Grand Prix, learning the split second timing that allows a team to change four tyres in 1.92 seconds.
9.00 Electric Dreams: The Hood Maker. New series. Sci-fi anthology series based on the works of Philip K Dick. In the aftermath of a catastrophic meteor shower, war brews between surviving humans and telepathic mutants.
10.10 Lee Mack: Hit the Road Mack. The comedian performs at London's Hammersmith Apollo in a show from his 2014 tour. (R)
11.05 Film: Slumdog Millionaire. (2008) An uneducated teenager from the Mumbai slums is only one question away from winning a quiz show, but the authorities are reluctant to believe a youngster from such a humble background could succeed without cheating. Under questioning, he tells a police inspector the eventful story of his life – and how he came to know so much. Danny Boyle's Oscar-winning drama, starring Dev Patel and Freida Pinto.
1.20 The Supervet: Bionic Specials. The owner of a one-year-old cat born with deformed front legs hopes Professor Noel Fitzpatrick will be able to fit it with two new bionic feet. (R) **2.15** Gillette World Sport. **2.45** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **3.10** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.10** Building the Dream. (R) **5.05** Four in a Bed. (R) **5.30** Too Many Cooks. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Poppy Cat. **6.10** Little Princess. (R) **6.25** Mr Men. (R) **6.35** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.40** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.45** Simon. (R) **6.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.55** Wissper. (R) **7.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.15** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.40** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.50** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.35** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.50** Floogals. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.20** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.35** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.05** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.40** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.30** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **3.00 Film:** Open Season. (2006) Animated comedy, with the voice of Martin Lawrence. **4.45 Film:** Annie. (2014) Premiere. Musical remake, starring Quvenzhane Wallis and Jamie Foxx. **5.45** 5 News Update. **5.50 Film:** Annie. (2014) Premiere. Concluded.
7.05 Before They Were Stars. Dale Winton treks back through the TV archive to uncover embarrassing early brushes with fame endured by some of today's biggest stars. (R)
8.00 Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights. Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman introduce action from the third round of matches, including Northampton Saints v Bath, Worcester Warriors v Exeter Chiefs and Wasps v Harlequins.
8.55 5 News Weekend.
9.00 How Magic Changed TV. The story of magic on television, examining the challenges of performing illusions for a TV camera that can see everything. Some of the most successful modern magicians reveal the performers who inspired them, and take a look back at how performers like Paul Daniels, Penn & Teller, Derren Brown, David Blane and Dynamo transformed the art form.
11.05 When Magic Goes Wrong. Illusions that went spectacularly badly, including stories of magicians' brushes with death, as well as mishaps involving Dynamo, Paul Daniels and David Blaine. (R)
1.45 SuperCasino. **3.10** Gotham. (R) **4.00** Now That's Funny! (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 The Last Night of the Proms from Around the UK **8.30** Secret Voices of Hollywood **10.00** Cinema Through the Eye of Magnum **10.55** Clara Bow: Hollywood's Lost Screen Goddess **11.55** Precision: The Measure of All Things **12.55** Apples, Pears and Paint: How to Make a Still Life Painting **2.25** Cinema Through the Eye of Magnum **3.20** Close
ITV2
11.40 The X Factor **12.55** Take Me Out **2.10 Film:** Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) **3.10** FYI Daily **3.15 Film:** Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) **4.15 Film:** The Smurfs (2011) **5.15** FYI Daily **5.20 Film:** The Smurfs (2011) **6.20 Film:** Evan Almighty (2007) **7.20** FYI Daily **7.25 Film:** Evan Almighty (2007) **8.10 Film:** Gravity (2013) **9.10** FYI Daily **9.15 Film:** Gravity (2013) **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **1.25** The Cleveland Show **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3
2.05 Film: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) **3.10** FYI Daily **3.15 Film:** Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) **3.55** Wycliffe **5.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Tonight at the Palladium **10.00** Kate: The Making of a Modern Queen **11.00** Sherlock Holmes: The Last Vampyre **1.10** The Knock **3.00** Mr Selfridge **4.15** Griff's Great Britain **5.05** Judge Judy **5.25** ITV3 Nightscreen
ITV4
11.00 Live British Touring Car Championship. **6.30** Pawn Stars **7.00** Fishing Allstars **8.00** The Chase Celebrity Special **9.00 Film:** Airplane! (1980) **10.10** FYI Daily **10.15 Film:** Airplane! (1980) **10.50** Car Crash Global **11.50 Film:** Universal Soldier: Regeneration (2009) **1.10** FYI Daily **1.15 Film:** Universal Soldier: Regeneration (2009) **1.50** River Monsters **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
11.00 Don't Tell the Bride **12.00** Streetmate **12.30** My Hotter Half **1.40 Film:** Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (2004) **3.25** The Goldbergs **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Home Alone (1990) **10.00** Naked Attraction **11.05** Gogglebox **12.10** Celebs Go Dating **2.15** Don't Tell the Bride **3.05** Rude Tube **3.35** Hollyoaks
Film4
1.00 Bridge to Terabithia (2007) **2.50** Carry On Spying (1964) **4.35** Moonrise Kingdom (2012) **6.25** Battleship (2012) **9.00** The Mechanic (2011) **10.50** Welcome to the Punch (2013) **12.50** The King of Comedy (1983) **3.05** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Drive Angry, Channel 5, 11.05pm
A man breaks out of Hell when a satanic cult murders his daughter and kidnaps her baby. The infernal escapee pursues the leader of the fanatics, who plans to sacrifice the child to gain ultimate power – but he is being followed in turn by an agent of the Devil sent to take him back to his damnation. Fantasy thriller, starring Nicolas Cage, Amber Heard and William Fichtner. (2011)

TUESDAY
The Deadly Room: Garage Sale Mystery III, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Jennifer Shannon has a keen eye for a bargain, picking them up at garage sales and selling them for a tidy profit in her own shop. But she also has a nose for a mystery, which comes in handy when she uses her intuitive skills to investigate her friend's death in a multi-million-dollar home with a dark history. Crime drama based on Suzi Weinert's novel, starring Lori Loughlin and Brendan Meyer. (2015)

Drive Angry, Monday, Channel 5, 11.05pm

WEDNESDAY
My Mother's Secret, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Adopted teacher Lauren Coulson tries to find out more of her family roots, and soon uncovers her father in prison for killing her grandfather. He claims he is innocent and her weak and frightened biological mother refuses to tell what she knows. Further impediments seem intent on preventing Lauren from finding the truth. Thriller, starring Nicole de Boer. (2012)

THURSDAY
Abducted Love, Channel 5, 3.15pm
After her husband is abducted on his way to work, Ann Bradshaw and her teenage daughter Casey find themselves in danger when they help the police investigate the kidnapping. Thriller, starring Daphne Zuniga and Nicole Munoz. (2016)

FRIDAY
A Few Best Men, BBC1, 12.05am
An Englishman proposes to his Australian girlfriend, but the antics of his three best men turn the wedding into a disaster. Comedy, starring Xavier Samuel and Laura Brent. (2011)

It's a dog's life for the doctor as the series returns

Will we ever grow tired of Dr Martin Ellingham and his adventures?

It's 13 years since the first series of Doc Martin aired, and our love for it continues to grow. In fact, it's been somewhat painful to be without new episodes during the past couple of years.

But now Martin Clunes and the rest of Portwenn's familiar faces are back for a new run, which will also see Sigourney Weaver reprise her guest role as an American tourist, and Clunes' old Men Behaving Badly sparring partner Caroline Quentin return as eccentric vet Angela Sim. Art Malik is also set to pop up as a visitor with intriguing news.

For Clunes, returning as the grumpy medic was a no-brainer – he describes playing him as "the best job in telly," adding, "what could possible match this: staying in the West country, surrounded by dogs and people I like?

"I really love doing this. I love everything about it. I love being in Cornwall, even though I hate being away from home. If I have got to be away from home then I'd be here. I love being near the sea. I love being out of cities."

Clunes, along with his wife Philippa Braithwaite, is one of the show's producers via their company Buffalo Pictures, and as a thank you to the people of Port Isaac, where the programme is filmed, they have set up a trust fund to help pay for a few local amenities, including a new car park – after all, the hundreds of people who come to watch them film have to be able to put their vehicles somewhere.

"The crowds who come to watch have to be marshalled but we have not shied away from it because the village is such a part of the series," says Clunes. "It never bothers me to see the crowds watching us filming. I talk to them, I look at their dogs. The most helpful thing is the dogs. You don't have to talk just about the fact you're on the telly, you can talk about the dogs."

As you can probably tell (if you weren't already away), Clunes is mad about canines. Sadly, his alter ego can't stand them, so imagine his horror when the Doc is forced to take in Buddy after his wife Louisa tells him that having a dog will be good for their son James Henry.

"The Doc is making a real effort to make things work between him and Louisa, and to be a better husband and father.

"As ever the Doc would rather nothing changed, and is resilient to the notion of change almost for the sake of it, but he sees that having the dog living with them is something Louisa wants, and is ultimately supportive, and actually allows a dog into the house.

"But the introduction of the dog is a token," adds Clunes. "It's a trial period with strict parameters, and when no-one is looking he throws the dog out…"

Will Buddy eventually win him over? Let's hope so for all their sakes.

PICK OF THE WEEK

Martin Clunes stars in Doc Martin, Wednesday, ITV, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
W1A
BBC2, 10pm
For a while, it seemed that we had seen the last of Ian Fletcher and his Head of Values team. For two years we've been without their hapless machinations brightening up our screens – had bosses at the Beeb decided that the mockumentary's antics made them look foolish? Perish the thought! Thankfully it seems they do have a sense of humour and are happy to poke fun at themselves because the sitcom is back for a third series this week. Once again Hugh Bonneville plays the nice but mostly completely ineffective Ian, who must find a way of making the BBC's new mantra of 'doing more of less' work. As ever, he is assisted – or more often than not hampered – by a motley group of individuals played by Sarah Parish, Jessica Hynes, Jason Watkins, Hugh Skinner and Nina Sosanya.

TUESDAY
Robson Green's Coastal Lives
ITV, 8pm
You don't need to trek to far-flung lands to witness incredible sights and people, as this series proves. This week the presenter travels to the island of Anglesey, off the north coast of Wales,†to meet a family who live in an ancient fisherman's cottage in the Menai Straits that they have restored. Robson also meets a woman who has left her stressful life in the city to set up a paddle boarding company on the island. And he chats a couple who have spent 12 years renovating their dream cliff top home with spectacular views over the Irish Sea.

WEDNESDAY
Bad Move
ITV, 8pm
Jack Dee may have started out as a stand-up comedian, but in recent years he's dabbled in the sitcom world. Power Monkeys, Josh and Lead Balloon. Now he's back with Bad Move, in which he stars alongside Kerry Godliman, who's best known for playing Hannah opposite Ricky Gervais in Derek. They play married couple Steve and Nicky, who have both been wed before but are feeling a little fed up with their lot. As a result, they decide to swap their city life for a new existence in the country - and soon with they hadn't. The first episodes of sitcoms are rarely hilarious, serving only to introduce the characters and the premise, but this one shows plenty of promise, and we look forward to seeing how it develops over its six-part run.

W1A, Monday, BBC2, 10pm

THURSDAY
The Supervet
Channel 4, 8pm
New series. Noel Fitzpatrick and his team return to provide more cutting-edge animal care, beginning with a dramatic emergency. Staffordshire bull terrier Lulu has been hit by a car and had her pelvis smashed into more than 25 pieces. The professor's only option is to pin the larger pieces back together in an operation that will require all his expertise. Noel and his team also treat a giant schnauzer called Florence who has a sore knee, and a Jack Russell called Muffin who has a problem with her back legs.

FRIDAY
Celebrity 5 Go Motorhoming
Channel 5, 8pm
The warm and gentle four-part series reaches its destination this week and who would have thought that following five ageing stars of stage and screen in their motorhomes would be so much fun? The final leg of their journey sees Lesley Joseph, Don Warrington, Melvyn Hayes, Nick Heyward and Cleo Rocos reach the Isle of Skye, or as the Vikings called it, the Cloudy Isle – and the weather certainly lives up to its name. High on the spirit of adventure, the famous five are determined to have a good time and, over a cup of tea and an impromptu jam, the bond between actor Melvyn and 80s pop star Nick is cemented. Meanwhile, Lesley, Cleo and Don spend a day driving around Skye searching for the island's beauty spots, before Cleo rustles up a feast for the friends back in camp.

Celebrity MasterChef
BBC1, 8.30pm
The three remaining celebrities take part in the Masterchef final. In the first round, they must take on one of the toughest challenges in the competition – The Chef's Table, hosted by Michelin star chef Jason Atherton. Then, its back to the Masterchef kitchen to present a three-course meal to John and Gregg for the final time, before one of the celebrities will be crowned Masterchef champion. Last in the series.

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Codeword

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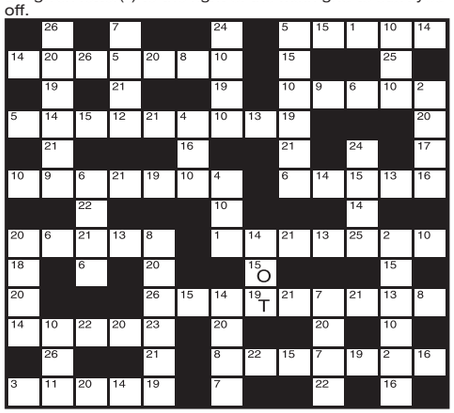

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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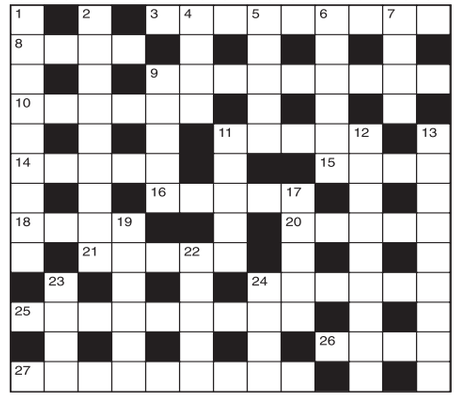
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

3. Grieved because date with Cliff completely spoilt (9)
8. Get a dirty look and stagger back (4)
9. Strengthen power to check a horse (9)
10. He helps the golfer - make the bounder expire! (6)
11. Fear of adder (5)
14. Striker in a game (5)
15. Enjoy being similar (4)
16. Will marry - but not under their own steam (5)
18. Charge to a holy island (4)
20. Agree could be keen (5)
21. Have black wood by one (5)
24. The proletariat apparently consists of 1000 donkeys! (6)
25. Tried best room to rent (3-6)
26. There's some lack of coherence in this area (4)
27. I'd enter now as chairman (9)

Down

1. It's a crime to make letters strike-bound (9)
2. The way the boss speaks is over grave (9)
4. Released without charge (4)
5. Obviously not the outside shell of a big ship (5)
6. From the choir in our church or All Saints (6)
7. Engrave, and so on, with hot tip (4)
9. One side is correct, it would seem (5)
11. Wordy apportionment to husband (5)
12. Far from pleased with sets I'd dug out (9)
13. Newspapers indeed put one in low spirits! (9)
17. Exclude beard (5)
19. Sailor employs corrupt practices (6)
22. Famous now Edward has gone (5)
23. Well loved, but at some cost (4)
24. Intend to be stingy (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

3. Helplessness (9)
8. Implement (4)
9. Monetary (9)
10. Diminish (6)
11. Feeling (5)
14. Suffuse (5)
15. Box (4)
16. Attain (5)
18. Society (4)
20. In front (5)
21. Carrying chair (5)
24. Flowing (6)
25. Tasty (9)
26. Couple (4)
27. Verbosity (9)

Down

1. Sports (9)
2. Agreement (9)
4. Chief (4)
5. Speechify (5)
6. Surplus (6)
7. Applaud (4)
9. Ague (5)
11. Killed (5)
12. Short-lived (9)
13. Preying (9)
17. Pulls (5)
19. After (6)
22. Dress (5)
23. Nothing (4)
24. Ado (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Cuff; 3 Barracks; 8 Ream; 9 Compared; 11 Intersection; 13 Adrift; 14 Stroll; 17 Contemporary; 20 Drawback; 21 Dido; 22 Suspense; 23 Onus. Down: 1 Cardinal; 2 Flatter; 4 Adores; 5 Repetition; 6 Cargo; 7 Side; 10 Profitable; 12 Playboys; 15 Ovation; 16 Smacks; 18 Orals; 19 Odes.
QUICK - Across: 1 Pail; 3 Reminder; 8 Loot; 9 Protrude; 11 Indoctrinate; 13 Torrid; 14 Simper; 17 Cheerfulness; 20 Breather; 21 Fair; 22 Desolate; 23 Else. Down: 1 Palliate; 2 In order; 4 Errors; 5 Intangible; 6 Doubt; 7 Reek; 10 Accidental; 12 Preserve; 15 Prevail; 16 Affect; 18 Heeds; 19 Abed.

Quiz

1. What does the acronym 'laser' stand for?
2. What do the initials AM stand for?
3. Who wrote The Chimes in 1844?
4. What type of bath did its inventor design for his 15-month-old rheumatoid arthritic son?
5. What is the capital of Zimbabwe?
6. What is a sidewinder?
7. Who is seventh in line to the throne?
8. What is a tamarack?
9. What is sometimes called the fourth estate?
10. Who wrote A Town Like Alice in 1949?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Robert Powell; 2 Carp; 3 1997; 4 Four; 5 Ling; 6 100; 7 Natalia Makarova; 8 Buckingham Palace; 9 La Traviata; 10 Joseph.

Niner: SUBALTERN

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

5285673 gives a hostile outburst,
41679 gives a gesture,
52785 gives a hostile comment.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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- EPC Rating G-170

RENT: £7,500 pax plus VAT REF: 1849/AWH

OFFICE

6C CHASE ROAD, BURNTWOOD

- Rear First Floor Office
- Prominent Position
- Approx 201 sq ft (19 sq m)
- EPC Rating D-100

RENT: £260 pcm (£3,120 pax)

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- Allocated Car Parking
- EPC Rating C-59

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- Approx 1,742 sq ft each floor
- Allocated Car Parking
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UNIT 4 CANAL VIEW BUSINESS PARK, RUGELEY

- Unit Approx 5,460 sq ft (507 sq m)
- Eaves Height Approx 19ft 6ins (6m)
- Office & WC Facilities
- Designated Car Parking
- EPC Rating C-55

RENT: £25,000 pax plus VAT

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SWAFFIELD PARK, HAWKS GREEN, CANNOCK

- Unit Approx 4,250 sq ft (395 sq m)
- Ground and First Floor Offices
- Allocated Car Parking
- Popular Location

RENT:£20,000 PAX plus VAT

INDUSTRIAL

MORGANS BUSINESS PARK, NORTON CANES

- Units 1 & 2 Approx 5,298 sq ft (492.2 sq m)
- Minimum Eaves Height 18ft (5.5m)
- Ground & First Floor Offices
- Prominent Frontage to Bettys Lane
- Allocated Car Parking
- EPC Rating C-62

RENT: £30,000 pax plus VAT

INDUSTRIAL

BRINDLEYS BUSINESS PARK, CANNOCK

- Unit 5 - 2,626 sq ft
- Unit 17 - 2,309 sq ft with Mezzanine Floor
- Office & WC Facilities
- Allocated Parking
- EPC Rating C-57

RENT: From £14,500 pax REF: BP/BRIND/AHW

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- Total GIA 10,074 sq ft (936 sq m)
- Eaves Height Approx 5.25m (17ft 3ins)
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- EPC Rating E-102

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4 | 2 | E

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- Garage & parking to rear

4 | 2 | D

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- Generous Plot
- Double Garage

4 | 1 | D

Burntwood Office - £249,950

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- Viewing Essential

3 | 2 | B

Burntwood Office - £235,000

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- Deceptively Spacious
- Two Receptions
- Garage & Carport
- No Upward Chain

3 | 2 | E

Great Wyrley - £229,950

CHESLYN HAY, LITTLEWOOD ROAD

- Newly Built 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- No Upward Chain
- Contemporary Interiors

3 | 1 | B

Burntwood Office - £200,000

LICHFIELD, WATLING STREET

- MID TERRACE BUNGALOW
- VILLAGE LOCATION OF WALL
- DRIVEWAY
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

2 | 1 | D

Burntwood Office - £200,000

BURNTWOOD, BURNTWOOD ROAD

- Traditional Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Good Sized Rear Garden
- Viewing Recommended

3 | 1 | F

Great Wyrley Office - £149,995

GREAT WYRLEY, FAIR OAKS DRIVE

- Extended End Town House
- Superb Fitted Kitchen
- Extended Lounge/Diner
- Private Rear Parking

3 | 1 | D

Great Wyrley Office - £140,000

GREAT WYRLEY, GORSEY LANE

- Semi-detached Residence
- Open Plan Kitchen/Conservatory
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lovely Garden

2 | 1 | E

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• Lounge Diner • EPC = C

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• Two Reception Rooms • Generous Enclosed Plot - EPC = C

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• Viewing Recommended • EPC = D

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• Pleasant Rear Garden • Stylish Refitted Shower Room
• Driveway • EPC = E

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• Fitted Kitchen • Bathroom With Both Bath & Shower Cubicle
• Garden To The Rear • EPC = E

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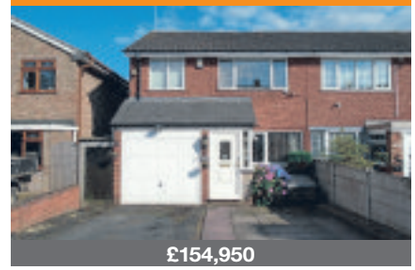

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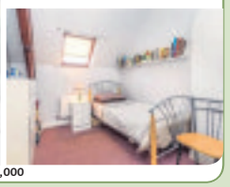

Asking Price £225,000

Millcroft Way,Rugeley

- FOUR BED DETACHED
- CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION
- GAS CENTRAL HEATED
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- GARAGE
- DRIVEWAY
- LOUNGE/DINER
- CLOAKROOM

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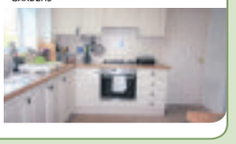
Biddulph Park, Ironstone

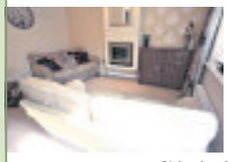
- One Bedroom
- Lounge
- Kichen
- Bathroom
- Full Refurb Needed
- Biddulph Park Location

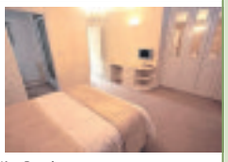
£30,000

Thorn Close,Rugeley

- DETACHED FAMILY HOME
- CORNER PLOT
- 4 BEDROOMS
- ENSUITE
- UPDATED KITCHEN
- LOUNGE/DINER
- GARAGE
- GARDENS







Richardson Way,Rugeley

- FOUR BEDROOMS
- TOWNHOUSE
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE G;AZED
- DESIRABLE LOCATION
- THREE STOREY
- KITCHEN

Phoenix Close,Rugeley

- TWO BEDROOM
- KITCHEN
- LOUNGE
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- GOOD SIZE REAR GARDEN
- LARGE CANAL MOORING
- LOCAL AMENITIES
- TWO ALLOCATED PARKING SPACES

Redbrook Lane,Rugeley

- THREE BEDROOMS
- DRIVEWAY
- LOUNGE/DINER
- KITCHEN
- BATHROOM
- GARDENS
- NO CHAIN
- D.GLAZING

St. Michaels Road,Rugeley

- THREE BEDROOMS
- MUCH IMPROVED
- MODERN KITCHEN
- LOUNGE
- SHOWER ROOM
- GARDENS

Offers in the region

Talbot Road,Rugeley

- EXTENDED ACCOMODATION
- SURPRISINGLY SPACIOUS
- EXTENDED KITCHEN
- OPEN PLAN LIVING/DINER
- THREE GOOD BEDROOMS
- MODERN BATHROOM

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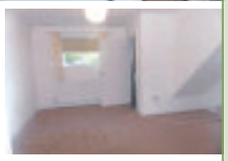

Main Road,Rugeley

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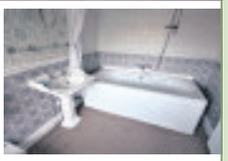
- Converted 3 Bed Mews Home
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Allocated Parking Space
- Double Glazed
- Gas C.H
- Bathroom



Rake End,Rugeley

- FOUR BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE
- DINING ROOM
- L SHAPED KITCHEN
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- THREE STOREY
- PARTIALLY DOUBLE GLAZED
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING

Offfers in the region of £225,000

Handsacre Crescent,Rugeley

- IDEAL INVESTMENT
- INSTANT RETURN- CURRENTLY LET
- THREE BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE
- BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- MODERN BATHROOM
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- GAS C HEATED
- DRIVEWAY
- FAMILY BATHROOM

Harley Close,Rugeley

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- CORNER PLOT
- CONSERVATORY
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING

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- Utility / WC
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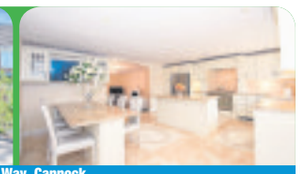
£455,000



Bideford Way, Cannock

- Detached house
- Five Bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Open plan living
- Large driveway
- Large L-shaped garden
- Popular residential area
- No chain

£290,000

Hatton Road, Cannock

- Detached Family Home
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- Open Fields To The Front
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- Downstairs WC
- Very Popular Location
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- Carport & Garage

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- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- DUAL ASPECT LOUNGE / DINER
- CONSERVATORY
- GARAGE
- FITTED KITCHEN

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- Dining room
- Kitchen
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- Three good sized bedrooms
- Bathroom
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- Garage
- EPC rating C

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- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear, garage, driveway
- NO CHAIN
- Awaiting EPC rating

£245,000

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- Kitchen/diner, guest cloakroom
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- Family bathroom
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- An immaculate one bedroom apartment
- Electric heating
- Double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen
- Bedroom with built in wardrobes
- Refitted shower room
- Communal gardens, off road parking
- Viewing essential
- EPC rating C

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CANNOCK
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- Detached two bedroom bungalow
- Breakfast kitchen
- Lounge, entrance hallway
- Gas central heating/double glazed
- Family bathroom, loft room
- Garage with driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating
- Viewing Essential

£255,000

HEATH HAYES
PARTRIDGE CLOSE

- A modern two bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Two bedrooms
- Garden to rear
- Off road parking
- Ideal first time buy
- EPC rating C

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Railway Court, Norton Canes

Offers Around £45,000

Well Presented Apartment	Kitchen
Two Bedrooms	45% Shared Ownership
Lounge	EPC B

Herondale, Hednesford

Offers Around £70,000

Ground Floor Flat	Lounge
One Bedroom	Allocated Parking
Kitchen	EPC C

St Johns Road, Cannock

Offers Around £75,000

First Floor Flat	Allocated Parking
One Bedroom	Long Lease
Exceptionally Presented	EPC C

Brindley Heath Road, Hednesford

Offers Around £95,000

Well Presented Maisonette	Off Road Parking
Two Bedrooms	Sold With Tenant in Situ
Bathroom	EPC C

Leasowe Road, Rugeley

Offers Around £125,000

Terraced Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Front & Rear Gardens
Lounge	EPC D

Curlew Hil, Cannock

Offers Around £155,000

Semi Detached Property	Tandem Garage
Three Bedrooms	Front & Rear Gardens
Fully Renovated	EPC E

Matthews Drive, Cannock

Offers Around £160,000

End Terrace Property	Shared Ownership Available
Two Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Brand New	Awaiting EPC

Rectory Gardens, Rugeley

Offers Around £160,000

Terraced Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Garage
Lounge	EPC E

Forge Close, Churchbridge

Offers Around £165,000

Semi Detached Property	Popular Location
Three Bedrooms	No Chain
Side Garage	Awaiting EPC

Beech Pine Close, Hednesford

Offers Around £170,000

Semi Detached Property	Bathroom
Three Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Kitchen/Diner	EPC D

Hollyoak Way, Cannock

Offers Around £175,000

Terrace Property	Conservatory
Three Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Lounge	EPC C

Shaws Lane, Great Wyrley

Offers Around £177,000

Detached Property	Rear Garden
Three Bedrooms	NO CHAIN
Lounge	EPC D

River View, Penkridge

Offers Around £195,000

New Build	Kitchen
Two Bedrooms	Parking
Lounge / Diner	Awaiting EPC

Badgers Way, Heath Hayes

Offers Around £190,000

Link Detached Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Conservatory
Lounge	EPC D

Chase Side Drive, Rugeley

Offers Around £215,000

Detached Property	Integral Garage
Three Bedrooms	Private Rear Garden
Kitchen/Breakfast	EPC D

St David Close, Hednesford

Offers Around £240,000

Detached Property	En Suite
Four Bedrooms	Garage
Kitchen	EPC D

Rickerscote, Staffordshire

Offers Around £240,000

Well Presented Cottage	Kitchen
Two Bedrooms	Well Maintained Gardens
Lounge	EPC E

Wolverhampton Road, Cheslyn Hay

Offers Around £240,000

Detached Bungalow	Front and Rear Gardens
Two Bedrooms	Garage
Newly Fitted Kitchen	EPC D

Walsall Road, Great Wyrley

Offers Around £275,000

Detached Property	Outdoor Heated Swimming Pool
Four Bedrooms	No Chain
Ample Off Road Parking	EPC D

Chase Road, Brocton

Offers Around £425,000

Detached Property	Good Sized Gardens
Three Bedrooms	Double Garage
Three Reception Rooms	EPC D

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The British Property Awards Winner for Cannock

Jayman have just won The British Property Awards for Cannock.

Their team performed outstandingly throughout the extensive judging period, which focused on customer service levels.

Jayman have now been shortlisted for a number of national awards which will be announced later in the year at our lavish ceremony in central London.

The British Property Awards provide agents throughout the UK with an invaluable opportunity to compare the service that they provide against the service provided by their, local, regional and national competition. Agents who go that extra mile and provide outstanding levels of customer service are rewarded with our accolade, which acts as a beacon to highlight these attributes to their local marketplace.

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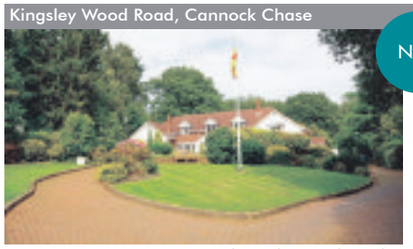
Kingsley Wood Road, Cannock Chase — £899,950

NEW



● JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to market White Gables: A four bedroom,three Bathroom detached family home, nestled in the heart of Cannock Chase, standing in approx 0.97 Acres. Having a two bedroom self contained Annex for family and offering flexible living. MUST BE VIEWED TO APPRECIATE.

Hednesford Road, Rugeley — £244,950

NO CHAIN

● JR Properties are pleased to market this traditional three bedroom detached home, offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Shower Room, Two Reception Rooms and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom.Driveway to Garage and Good sized Garden to rear

Cannock Road, Heath Hayes — £370,000

● JR Properties Distinctive Homes are pleased to market this NEW BUILD FAMILY HOME,being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Must be viewed to appreciate as individually designed and offering flexible living space. CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT TODAY AND AVOID BEING DISAPPOINTED

Langley Way, Hawksyard — £249,950

NEW

● JR Properties are pleased to market this four bedroom detached family home, situated on the Hawksyard Development with open aspect to front. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Study, Lounge, Family Breakfast Kitchen and Utility. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Three further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garage and gardens

Plovers Rise, Rugeley — £285,000

MUST BE VIEWED

● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom detached bungalow with Detached double Garage and being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest W.C, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Master Bedroom with En Suite ,Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Double Garage

St Johns Drive, Hawksyard — £169,995

STAR BUY

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this spacious three bedroom semi detached house overlooking the green on the popular Hawksyard Development. Available with No Upward Chain the property includes three bedrooms, en suite and main bathroom, guest wc, lounge with kitchen/ diner and gardens with single garage

Setterfield Way, Brereton — £102,000

NEW PRICE

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this one bedroom terraced bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation having Entrance Hallway, Shower Room, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen and Bedroom. Gardens to front and rear with on road parking

Beechmere Rise, Etching Hill — £425,000

MUST BE VIEWED

● JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to market this well presented detached family home, having superb views of Etchinghill and located in a quiet cul de sac. Having Entrance Hallway, Shower Room,Lounge, Fitted Kitchen ,Utility, Conservatory, Inner Hall to Bathroom and Four Bedrooms. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite,Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Double Garage and good sized Gardens to all sides of the property.""MUST BE VIEWED TO APPRECIATE""

Penkridge Bank Road, Slitting Mill — £439,995

NO CHAIN

● JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to offer for sale this well presented and spacious dormer detached bungalow in a semi rural location on the edge of Cannock Chase. Barton Lodge as the property is known has been updated and improved overtime by the current vendors and offers flexible accommodation with three bedrooms, two reception rooms, large conservatory, two bathrooms and breakfast kitchen

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Anson Street, Rugeley — £299,950

NEW

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this five bedroom traditional detached family home ,available with POTENTIAL BUILDING PLOT. Located in the town centre this house offers lots of scope for upgrade and flexible living. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen and Lean To. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom and Stairs to Two further Attic Rooms. Gardens and Off road parking.

Fortescue Lane, Rugeley — £279,950

NEW

● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom detached bungalow, withing walking distance to town centre. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge being open plan to Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom and Separate w.c. Conservatory and Utility Room. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear.

Lanehead Walk, Etching Hill — £184,950

NEW PRICE

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this superbly presented detached bungalow in a popular location. Having the benefit of NO UPWARD CHAIN the property features hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, refitted shower room, detached garage and well maintained gardens. Viewing essential

Main Road, Brereton — £249,950

NEW

● JR Properties are pleased to offer to market this three bedroom traditional property,having been refurbished to a high standard and available with NO UPWARD CHAIN.Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Refitted Breakfast Kitchen, Cellar, Family Room, Utility and Shower Room. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to front and Good sized

Brinkburn Close, Etching Hill — £189,995

SOLD

● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom extended link detached home, situated in a quiet cul de sac within Etchinghill. Being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest W.C, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge and Dining Room. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Driveway to Carport/

Woodheyes Lawns, Etching — £158,950

STAR BUY

JR Properties are pleased to market this three/ four bedroom family home, in a sought after location,close to local amenities. Having Hallway, Bedroom Four, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Driveway and Garden to rear

St Michaels Road, Brereton — £119,950

NEW PRICE

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom semi detached home, ideal for First Time Buyers or Investors. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen and Utility Room. Landing to Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway for off road parking and Gardens to front and rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN

Fortescue Lane, Rugeley — £225,000

NEW PRICE

● JR Properties are pleased to market this two bedroom detached bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN and within walking distance to the town. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage with Outside w.c and Gardens to front and rear.

Sycamore House, Colton — £799,950

EXECUTIVE

● JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to offer for sale this unique detached property situated on a mature garden plot finished and presented to an unrivalled standard. Sycamore House was built by the present occupiers and combines a bespoke and contemporary interior with a traditional looking facade set on a secluded plot within the Village of Colton

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NEW

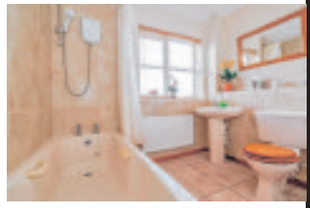
HEATH HAYES
CHARLOCK GROVE

- Detached Family
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Kitchen, WC
- 3 Bedrooms
- Family Shower Room
- Private Driveway
- Integral Garage
- No Chain

£205,000

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
LANDYWOOD GREEN



- Modern Town House
- Hall, Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Allocated Parking
- No Chain

£159,950

SHARESHILL
SPIRES CROFT

Mortgagees in possession are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £337,500.00 for 7 Spires Croft , Shareshill , Wolverhampton

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
STATION STREET

- Sought After Location
- Semi Detached
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Gardens

£165,000

PENKRIDGE
PILLATON HOUSE

- First Floor
- Village Location
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedooms
- En-Suite
- Bathroom
- NO CHAIN

£149,000

HEATH HAYES
DENBURY CLOSE

- Link Det. House
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Sitting Room/ Bedroom
- Shower Room
- Kitchen Diner
- Three Further

£190,000

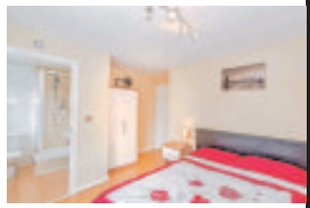
HEATH HAYES
NEWLANDS COURT

- Detached Family Home
- Hallway
- Lounge, WC
- Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- 4 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- No Chain

£249,950

REDUCED

HUNTINGTON
THISTLE DRIVE



- family Home
- Hallway,
- Lounge Diner,
- Breakfast Kitchen,
- Guest WC,
- Six Bedrooms,
- Family Bathroom, TWO Ensuites.
- Landscaped Gardens,
- Garage, Driveway.
- VIEWING IS ESSENTIAL

£250,000 Offers Over

NEW

CANNOCK
HOLLINGSWORTH MEWS

- Modern Town House
- Guests WC
- Modern Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- 2 Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garen

£139,950

NEW

HEDNESFORD
HEATH STREET

- Traditional Semi
- Well Presented
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Downstairs Guest Cloakroom
- Conservatory
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Stunning Bathroom

£140,000

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WOOTTONS COURT, CANNOCK

- One Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Parking
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS / PETS

£425 pcm

CECIL STREET, CHADSMOOR

- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Garden, Parking
- Energy Rating D

£475 pcm

PARK STREET, BRIDGTOWN

- 2Bed FFF
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Electric Heating/ DG
- Off Road Parking
- Communal

£490 pcm

HEDNESFORD STREET, CANNOCK

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Utility, E-Suite
- Bathroom, GCH, DG
- Allocated Parking

£550 pcm

HARPERS COURT, HEATH HAYES

- 2Bed FF Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating C
- Sorry No DSS/

£550 pcm

DARTMOUTH MEWS, CANNOCK

- Two Bed Duplex
- Lounge/kitchen
- GCH, DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy rating B
- NO DSS / PETS

£595 Pcm

PEREGRINE WAY, HEATH HAYES

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Garage, Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS / PETS

£600 pcm

DAYWELL RISE, RUGELEY

- 3Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- GCH
- Garage/Carport
- Energy Rating D
- No DSS/Pets

£625 pcm

COPPICE COURT, CANNOCK

- Two Bed Semi
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Conservatory
- GCH/DG
- Driveway
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS/Pets

£650 pcm

ROWAN ROAD, CANNOCK

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Garage
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS/ Pets

£675 pcm

GORSEY LANE, CANNOCK

- Two Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Gardens, Driveway
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS OR PETS

£725 pcm

PEBBLE MILL DRIVE, CANNOCK

- 4 Bed Detached
- 2 Receptions
- Kitchen
- Bathroom & WC
- GCH DG, Drive
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS / PETS

£800 pcm

PINE TREES, BRERETON

- 4 Bed Detached
- Lounge/Dining room
- Guest WC/Utility
- Conservatory
- Garage
- Energy Rating C
- No DSS/Pets.

£1200 pcm

CANTERBURY DRIVE, RUGELEY

- A Modern One Bed Ground Floor Maisonette
- Open- Plan Lounge & Kitchen
- Modern Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- NO CHAIN

£89,950

EARLSWOOD WAY, CANNOCK

- A Modern Well Presented Coach House Apartment
- GCH & D/G
- Entrance Hall, Lounge
- Modern Kitchen, One Double Bedroom
- Modern Bathroom
- Parking, No Upward Chain

£95,000

BADGERS COURT, HEATH HAYES

- A Modern Well Presented First Floor Apartment
- Entrance Hall, Lounge/ Diner
- Modern Kitchen, Two
- Bedrooms
- Modern Bathroom
- Communal Gardens, Allocated Parking
- NO CHAIN

OIEO £98,000

HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Spacious Three Bedroom Semi Detched House
- Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway at Rear
- Gardens, NO CHAIN

£120,000

WESTMINSTER ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Spacious Lounge/ Diner
- Modern Kitchen, Side
- Entrance/Utility Area
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Modern Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

£124,950

BROWNHILLS ROAD, NORTON CANES

- A Deceptively Spacious Well Presented Mid Terraced House
- GCH & D/G
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Sun Room
- Three Bedrooms & Wet Room
- Delightul Rear Garden & Driveway
- No Upward Chain

OIRO £135,000

DOVE HOLLOW, HEDNESFORD

- A Delightful Two Bedroom End Town House
- Entrance Hall
- Kitchen, Lounge-Diner
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom with Seperate Shower
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Driveway

£140,000

STEVENS DRIVE, HEDNESFORD

- An Extended Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Family Room
- Modern Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room, Guest WC
- Two Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens, Driveway
- NO CHAIN

£144,950

CLIFTON AVENUE, CANNOCK

- Three Bed Mid
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Bathroom, GCH, DG
- Driveway & Garage
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- NO CHAIN

£149,950

BYRON PLACE, CANNOCK

- A Modern Three Bedroom Detached House
- Hall, Lounge
- Kitchen-Diner,
- Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Front & Rear Gardens
- CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION

£159,950

STONEY LEA ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Lounge-Diner
- Kitchen
- Three Good Sized Bedrooms
- Spacious Family Bathroom
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Garage &Driveway

£165,000

GREENWOOD PARK, HEDNESFORD

- A Very Well Presented Four Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen, GUest WC
- Four Bedrooms, Shower Rooms
- Private Tiered Rear Garden
- Driveway

£170,000

THISTLE DRIVE, HUNTINGTON

- A Beautifully Presented Three Storey Family Home
- Entrance Hall, Guest WC
- Kitchen/Diner, Spacious Lounge
- Two First Floor Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Second Floor Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Garage and Parking
- Rear Garden

Offers Over £178,000

SHIRE CLOSE, CANNOCK

VIEWING ESSENTIAL

- A Modern Extremely Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Impressive Kitchen-Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Driveway

£189,950

CORSICAN DRIVE, HEDNESFORD

- A Well Presented Detached Family Home Situated on a Good Sized Corner Plot
- Reception Hall, Guest WC
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Modern Kitchen, Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite, Family Shower Room
- Garage, Driveway & Gardens

£215,000

KNIGHTON ROAD, WIMBLEBURY

POPULAR LOCATION

- A Well Presented Link Detached House
- Lounge. Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen, Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Open Aspect to Side & Rear
- No Upward Chain

£215,000

MYRTLE GLADE, CHURCHBRIDGE

SOLAR PANELS

- An Extremely Well Presented Semi-Detached Family Home
- Entrance Hall, Guest WC, Lounge
- Impressive Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms, En-suite
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway, Front & Rear Gardens
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£215,000

ST JOHNS CLOSE, CANNOCK

- A Newly Built and Individually Designed Detached Dormer Bungalow
- Reception Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen
- Dining Room/Bedroom Two, Two Further Ground Floor Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- First Floor Bedroom, Luxury Bathroom

£240,000

HALLUM WAY, HEDNESFORD

BILBERRY CHASE DEVELOPMENT

- An Executive Newly Built Detached Family Residence
- Reception Hall, Guest WC
- Two Reception Rooms
- Family Breakfast Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms, En-Suite, Family Bathroom
- Garage, Driveway
- Gardens
- Incentives Can Be Applied

£269,995

SAREDON ROAD, CHESLYN HAY

SOLAR PANELS

- An Newly Built Executive Detached House
- Stylish Contemporty Design Throughout
- Reception Hall, Guest WC
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Area
- Four Double Bedrooms, En-Suite, Family Bathroom
- Garage, Driveway & Gardens
- NO CHAIN, SOLAR PANELS

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RUGELEY

A rare opportunity to acquire an excellent two bedroom home / Stunning secluded location within the heart of Cannock Chase / Large plot stretching over approximately two acres

Offers in Excess of £500,000

Littleworth Road
RAWNSLEY

Five bedroom detached family home / NO UPWARD CHAIN / Breakfast kitchen / Drive for more than ten vehicles / Enclosed rear garden / EPC: C

Offers in Excess of £400,000

Wood Lane
CANNOCK

Impressive five bedroom detached dormer style house / Tastefully decorated throughout / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Large reception style conservatory / Detached garage / Drive for

£335,000

Brownhills Road
NORTON CANES

Four/five bedroom detached house / Four-five bedroom detached house / Large South facing private rear garden / New modern fitted breakfast kitchen and bathroom

£325,000

Church Street
RUGELEY

Immaculately presented four bedroom detached family home / Refurbished and finished to a high standard / New flooring and carpets throughout / Delightful private rear garden which is not

Offers in the Region Of £325,000

St Christopher Close
RAWNSLEY

Immaculately presented four bedroom detached family home / Enivable corner plot in quiet cul-de-sac / Tastefully decorated & finished to high modern standard / Driveway for up to six vehicles /

£295,000

Newhall Street
CANNOCK

Three bedroom period property / Highly sought after location / Several reception rooms / Charming private rear garden / Larger than average garage and driveway with off road parking

Offers in the Region Of £290,000

Slitting Mill Road
ETCHING HILL

Immaculately presented five bedroom family home / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Set over three storys / Delightful rural area of Slitting Mill / Stunning views of the surrounding countryside

£275,000

Daisy Bank
HEDNESFORD

Offers in the Region Of £275,000

Bond Way
HEDNESFORD

Five bedroom detached house / Set within a quiet cul-de-sac / Sought after residential area / Four car driveway / Modern fitted kitchen

£270,000

Colliers Way
HUNTINGTON

Immaculately Presented Five Bedroom Detached House / Set Over Three Storeys / Five Double Bedrooms / Driveway With Ample Parking / Single Garage / Modern Open Plan Kitchen-Diner

Offers in Excess of £250,000

Asquith Drive
HEATH HAYES

Four bedroom detached house / Well established and sought after residential area / Spacious lounge and separate dining room / UPVC conservatory

£250,000

Clover Meadows
HEATH HAYES

Well presented four bedroom detached house / Large plot at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac / Private South facing rear garden / Spacious lounge & open plan L shaped dining kitchen

Offers in Excess of £235,000

Grouse Way
HEATH HAYES

Immaculately presented three bedroom detached family home / Sought after location / Open plan dining-kitchen / Three double bedrooms / Driveway and garage providing ample off road parking

Offers in Excess of £230,000

Bond Way
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RUGELEY

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BRERETON

A well presented two bedroomed semi-detached property in a sought after location. Benefiting from Gas central heating and Double-glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge and Refitted Kitchen. Landing, Two Bedrooms and Refitted Family Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. EPC RATING - D

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£130,000

ST PAULS ROAD
RUGELEY

A two bedroomed mid-town house benefiting from UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Hall, Fitted Kitchen and Lounge. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to front with enclosed garden and off-road parking to rear. EPC D

£130,000

CRABTREE AVENUE
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FERNWOOD DRIVE
RUGELEY

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN this three bedroomed link-detached has the benefit of Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Refitted Breakfast Kitchen. First Floor Landng with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. SINGLE GARAGE to rear. EPC Rating D

£149,950

DELAFIELD WAY
ETCHINGHILL

Motivated Seller - A well presented three bedroomed detached family home in a sought after location. UPVC Double Glazing and Electric Heating . Entrance Hall, Lounge and Kitchen/Diner. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Carport with Off Road Parking. Garden to Front and Rear. EPC Rating - E

£179,995

ROWAN DRIVE
HANDSACRE

A three bedroomed detached family home in a popular village location. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen, Utility Room and Snug. First Floor Landing with Ensuite to Master Bedroom, Two further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Driveway and GARAGE. Garden to rear. EPC rating E

£235,000

ARMITAGE ROAD
RUGELEY

A delightful traditional detached property having undergone a programme of refurbishment. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Sitting Room, Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen, Guest Cloakroom/Utility Room, Downstairs Bedroom with Ensuite Shower. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Driveway to side and enclosed rear garden. EPC rating E

£260,000

HOLLY COTTAGE
SLITTING MILL

Viewing is essential of this delightful cottage nestled in the hamlet of Slitting Mill. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Open Plan Lounge/Diner, Rear Hallway, Fitted Kitchen and downstairs Bathroom. First Floor Landing with Three good sized Bedrooms. Driveway to side and enclosed garden to rear. EPC rating D

£320,000

WAVERLEY GARDENS
ETCHINGHILL

A large split-level family home. Spacious Lounge/Dining Area, Breakfast Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and a Shower Room. To the lower floor is a further Hallway leading to a Master Bedroom with Ensuite. Two further Bedrooms with a Bathroom and Utility Room. Driveway to front leading to SINGLE GARAGE. Tiered gardens to rear. EPC RATING - C

£360,000

WESTBUTTS ROAD
ETCHINGHILL

Individually designed detached family home. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Study, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room. First Floor Landing with Master Bedroom having a Dressing Area and Ensuite. Three Further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Ample off-road parking. Good sized private gardens to rear. EPC Rating D

£399,950

YELLAND WALK
GREAT HAYWOOD

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£420,000

CHURCH STREET
RUGELEY

Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Study, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room and Guest Cloakroom. First Floor landing with Master Bedroom with En-Suite, Two Further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Second Floor landing with Two Bedrooms and a Shower Room. Gardens to front and rear. Double detached garage with ample parking. EPC C

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LOT 1

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- Mid mews house
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- In need of modernisation
- EPC rating G (1)

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LOT 2

29 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 1HX

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Mid terraced house
- Two reception rooms
- Two bedrooms
- Located in very popular area
- In need of refurbishment
- EPC rating G (14)

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LOT 3

FIELD A, LAND AT HORSEBROOK HALL LANE, BREWOOD, ST19 9LP

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Pasture land
- Extending to approx 2.40 acres (0.971Ha) or thereabouts
- Road frontage and gated access to Horsebrook Hall Lane

GUIDE PRICE £40,000-£50,000

LOT 4

FIELD B, LAND AT HORSEBROOK HALL LANE, BREWOOD, ST19 9LP

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Pasture land
- Extended to approx 1.60 acres (0.647Ha) or thereabouts
- Road frontage and gated access to Horsebrook Hall Lane

GUIDE PRICE £25,000-£35,000

LOT 5

143 BROWNHILLS ROAD, NORTON CANES, WS11 9SN

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Spacious detached house
- Popular residential area
- Requiring some improvement
- Gas central heating
- Part double glazed
- EPC rating E (41)

GUIDE PRICE £130,000+

LOT 6

23 HEATH GAP ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 6DY

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Two bedroom semi detached house
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gas central heating
- In need of refurbishment
- EPC rating E (42)

GUIDE PRICE £80,000-£90,000

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LOT 7

LAND TO REAR OF ST EDITHAS CHURCH, CHURCH EATON, ST20 0AT

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Parcel of land adjoining St Edithas Church
- Located on the edge of village of Church Eaton
- Extending to approx acres (Ha) or thereabouts
- Extending to approx. 0.22 of an acre (0.09Ha) or thereabouts

GUIDE PRICE £25,000 - £35,000

LOT 8

TENNANTS BAKERY SITE, 13 WOOD LANE, HEDNESFORD, WS12 1BW

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Potential residential redevelopment site for 8 houses comprising:
- 2 pairs of semi detached, 3 detached and 1 detached bungalow
- Extending to 0.30 Ha or thereabouts
- A planning application (No: CH/17/249) has been submitted to Cannock Chase Council

GUIDE PRICE £500,000+

LOT 9

LAND REAR OF 77 OLD FALLOW ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 5QL

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Residential redevelopment site extending to 0.22 Ha or thereabouts
- Having O.P.P for the erection of 5 detached houses
- Planning application no: 15/0410 Cannock Chase Council

GUIDE PRICE £375,000+

LOT 10

1A HOLDEN CRESCENT, COALPOOL, WALSALL, WS3 1PY

LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Modern first floor flat
- Requiring some improvement
- Ideal buy to let
- Electric heating (not tested)
- Predominantly doube glazed
- EPC rating D (59)

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29 KINGS ROAD, CALF HEATH

MOST SPACIOUS WELL EQUIPPED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE OFFERING EXTENSIVE FAMILY ACCOMMODATION ON THREE FLOORS Located In This Popular South Staffordshire Village

- Central reception hall and cloakroom
- Three reception rooms
- Fitted breakfast kitchen and utility
- Five bedrooms
- Dressing room and two ensuites
- Family bathroom
- Detached double width garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating tbc

£549,950 FREEHOLD

18 NEWHALL STREET, CANNOCK

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Conveniently Located To The Town Centre

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Landscaped garden
- Off road parking to rear (subject to permit)
- Of interest to the first time buyer
- EPC rating tbc

£139,950

THE COTTAGE, BROADHURST GREEN ROAD, HEDNESFORD

TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE WITH RANGE OF OUTBUILDINGS AND LAND EXTENDING TO APPROX 2.5 OF AN ACRE

- Open plan lounge/ kitchen area
- Bathroom
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Outside utility room
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Extensive range of outbuildings
- Occupation subject to being solely or mainly employed in agriculture or forestry industry
- EPC rating E (47)

£325,000 FREEHOLD

FLAT 5, TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (80)

£146,950

40 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED, IMPROVED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE WITH FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION INCLUDING SELF CONTAINED FLAT SUITABLE FOR EXTENDED FAMILY OCCUPYING MATURE WELL STOCKED GARDENS In Much Sought After Residential Area Adjoining Cannock Park To The Rear

- Two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen
- Games/hobby/play room
- Five bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Shower room
- Self contained flat (currently let on AST)
- Double integral garage
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- EPC rating D (66)

£615,000 FREEHOLD

86 PLATT STREET, HEDNESFORD

TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE LOCATED IN POPULAR POSITION Convenient For Access to Facilities

- Lounge
- Double glazed conservatory
- Kitchen and utility room
- Dining room/possible bedroom 3
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens and off road parking
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating F (34)

£166,950 FREEHOLD

6 PACKINGTON MEWS, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities

- Reception hall and cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom and ensuite shower room
- Garage and gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating C (78)

£225,000 FREEHOLD

14 SILVER FIR CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Within Reach of Facilities at Cannock and Hednesford and Cannock Chase

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Double glazed conservatory
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage space
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (59)

£136,950 FREEHOLD

BELLA VISTA, COLEY LANE, LITTLE HAYWOOD

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- Lounge
- Kitchen/dining/family/ garden room
- Bedroom 4/study
- Three first floor bedrooms
- En-suite shower room and family bathroom
- Private gardens
- Detached garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating B (86)

£349,950 FREEHOLD

15 FIELD STREET, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Position Close To Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- All windows double glazed
- EPC rating D (63)

£144,950 FREEHOLD

126 HATHERTON ROAD, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE IN NEED OF SOME IMPROVEMENT Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of the Town

- Wet room shower/ cloakroom
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom and separate toilet
- Detached garage
- Well stocked south facing rear garden
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (57)

£275,000 FREEHOLD

14 BRINDLEY BANK ROAD, RUGELEY

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Located in Popular Cul-De-Sac

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room
- Bathroom
- Gardens and off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating B (81)

£215,000 FREEHOLD

232A ECCLESHALL ROAD, STAFFORD

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE LOCATED IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA OF STAFFORDConvenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Reception hall and cloakroo,
- Lounge
- Open plan fitted dining kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and family bathroom
- Integral garage and landscaped garden
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating B (83)

£340,000 FREEHOLD

KINGSMEAD, FRANCIS GREEN LANE, PENKRIDGE

SPACIOUS EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED HOUSE OCCUPYING SUPERB GARDENS Located On A Much Sought After Area Convenient For The Picturesque Village Centre and Local Facilities

- Enclosed porch and reception hall
- Lounge & dining room
- Fitted kitchen and utility
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted family bathroom & refitted separate WC
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed
- Superb mature gardens
- Detached garage
- EPC rating D (67)

£299,950 FREEHOLD

40 ANSTY DRIVE, HEATH HAYES

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED LINKED DETACHED HOUSE located In Much Sought After Residential Area Conveniently Located For Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Refitted dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (55)

£199,950 FREEHOLD

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40 BROADMEADOW LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

TWO BEDROOM END TERRACED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens & off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (55)

£625pcm

11 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR FLAT
Conveniently Located For Local Facilities

- Reception hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Allocated parking
- Se cure entry system
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (79)

£525pcm

324 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL APOOINTED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
Conveniently Located For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Integral garage
- Gas central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£650pcm

76 LANGDALE DRIVE, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME
Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Integral garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (72)

£695pcm

40A OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED SELF CONTAINED ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area With Views Of Cannock Park To Rear

- Entrance hall
- Landing
- Open plan Lounge/kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- One car parking space
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: C (76)

£475pcm

INGLESIDE, TOP ROAD, ACTON TRUSSELL

SPACIOUS WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION COMPRISING OF THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE WITH ADDITIONAL ONE BEDROOMED ANNEX Located In The Much Sought After Village of Acton Trussell

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- Dining room & garden room
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- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom & guests cloakroom
- Double garage
- Mature well stocked gardens
- Annex with lounge, kitchen & bedroom
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: E (41)

£1350pcm

FLAT 7 HATHERTON HOUSE, CROWNBRIDGE COURT, PENKRIDGE

WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
Located In Sought After Development Convenient For Penkridge Village Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking space
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (76)

£550pcm

6 STAG PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

ATTRACTIVE THREE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated On The Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Guests cloakroom
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (75)

£645pcm (Plus Service Charge)

26 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Verandah
- Cloakroom with WC
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£725pcm

5 BROOME WALK, HANDSACRE

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance Lobby
- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Garden
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£495pcm

39 TOWER VIEW ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Electric heating
- Communal grounds and parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: D (63)

£475pcm

8 RAILWAY STREET, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Originally Built In The Popular Inter War Period Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge
- Dining area
- Refitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: E (52)

£625pcm

35 GORSEY LANE, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Offering Well Equipped Accommodation Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Sitting room & living room
- Double glazed conservatory
- L-shaped breakfast kitchen
- Utility room/cloaks room
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- Family bathroom
- En-suite shower room
- Extensive parking and garage
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (57)

£1400pcm

4 HATHERTON HOUSE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR APARTMENTLocated In Sought After Area Convenient For Facilities At The Village Centre

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed
- Allocated parking
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: C (77)

£550pcm

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- Hall
- Lounge
- Bedroom
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Part double glazed
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- Sorry no smokers or pets allowed
- DSS considered
- EPC rating: F (21)

£350pcm

4 MARTIN GROVE, HILTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

UNDER APPLICATION

SPACIOUS FIVE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Cloakroom with WC
- Sitting room & dining room
- Study & family room
- Kitchen & Utility room
- Five bedrooms
- Three en-suite shower rooms
- Family bathroom
- Double garage
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (79)

£1350pcm

45 NORTON TERRACE, NORTON CANES

DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM MID TOWN HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Garden to front
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: C (71)

£450pcm

1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD

WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
Convenient For Local Facilities

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- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (67)

£450pcm

34 BROADMEADOW LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge/dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Large gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (62)

£625pcm

18 KINROSS AVENUE, HEDNESFORD

WELL APPOINTED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge & dining area
- Kitchen
- Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (58)

£850pcm

4 RICKYARD PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

TWO BEDROOM BARN CONVERSION
Located On The Picturesque Country Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Oil fired central heating
- Enclosed foregarden
- Communal grounds & parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: B (82)

£595pcm (Plus Service Charge)

23 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT LOCATED IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA
Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Entrance lobby
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed & gas central heating
- Allocated parking
- Sorry no smokers, DSS or pets
- EPC rating C (78)

£525 pcm

Kia takes wraps off Proceed Concept

Kia has taken the wraps off its striking Proceed Concept at the Frankfurt Motor Show.

Making its debut alongside the new Stonic, Picanto X-Line and Sorento vehicles, the concept shows a possible future direction for the cee'd range.

A lack of B-pillars, as well as an exaggerated waistline give the concept 'extended hot hatch styling', while the interior is finished in 'rippled black fabric' that has been fitted by hand.

There has been no indication as to what powertrain the Proceed Concept uses. Paul Philpott, CEO and president of Kia Motors UK, said: "Cee'd was our first European car, the first to be built at our Slovakia plant and the first to come with our seven-year warranty. It's also very important to us because it's our only European-only car and is the centre piece of Kia in Europe.

"The hatchback segment is shrinking and it is important that we do something to stand out in that market, like this."

He hopes it will look like the car displayed at the Frankfurt Motor Show stand, however a production model will be led by the public reaction to the concept car.

"This could be a very aspirational car for us," he added.

Gregory Guillaume, European chief designer for Kia Motors, added: "With many European drivers now seeking performance alternatives to the three-door hot hatch style, we began thinking about a different halo model for the Cee'd family.

"The Proceed Concept represents a bold new vision of how the vibrant soul of the Pro_cee'd could be reincarnated and revitalised for a new generation of performance-oriented drivers."

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The show has also been the location for the world premiere of the new Kia Stonic compact crossover. Coming as Kia's entry into an ever-flourishing segment, the Stonic is available in up to 20 two-tone colour combinations, giving buyers a variety of customisation options.

The Stonic is due to go on sale in the UK in October of this year. Kia's new Picanto X-Line also made its public debut at the Frankfurt Motor Show.

Combining the compact dimensions of a city car with the rugged looks of a crossover, the Picanto X-line also features 15mm of raised ground clearance giving drivers a more commanding view of the road ahead.

The new Picanto X-Line will be available to UK buyers in the early part of 2018.

The updated Kia Sorento has also been revealed in its European specification, ahead of going on sale in the UK in early 2018.

Kia's seven-seat flagship vehicle has been upgraded with a new eight-speed automatic transmission, as well as an updated infotainment system.

The South Korean manufacturer's Stinger sports saloon also made its final motor show appearance before going on sale in the first part of 2018. Available with a choice of three engines, it's the most powerful Kia car ever built.

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New Fiesta gets top marks for safety

The 2017 Ford Fiesta has been given five stars out of five for crash safety

The evaluation coincides with the 20th anniversary of Euro NCAP testing, and the 1997 Ford Fiesta was one of the first to be graded

The latest Euro NCAP crash test sees the Fiesta receive the full five-star rating.

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The recently updated hatchback scored well for passenger safety, getting 87 per cent for adult occupant protection and 84 per cent for child occupants.

However, crash tester Euro NCAP noted that the lack of a standard-fit autonomous emergency braking (AEB) system proved there was still work to be done for Britain's best-selling car.

Matthew Avery, director of research at Thatcham Research, which oversees the testing, said: "That one of the UK's best-selling vehicles is a five-star Euro NCAP car is good news.

"However, its AEB system is only available as an option, which is a shame as fewer than five per cent of car buyers take up additional safety packs."

He added: "For this reason, the Seat Ibiza remains our top safety choice of the superminiswhich has been launched so far in 2017."

The evaluation coincides with the 20th anniversary of Euro NCAP testing, and the 1997 Ford Fiesta was one of the first cars to be graded.

It received three stars mainly because the driver dummy received a heavy blow to the head, while side impact tests showed there was little protection.

The Kia Rio was also tested this month and received a three-star rating in standard specification, or five stars when fitted with an optional safety package. Meanwhile, the Kia Picanto also received three stars in standard form, rising to four with a safety pack fitted.

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Duster making its mark among SUVs

Having sold over two million units since launch, Duster, a vehicle with an international calling, has become one of Groupe Renault's top-selling models. Dacia's SUV has made its mark in its segment.

In seven years, it has won over customers looking for a versatile, reliable and affordable vehicle. Duster's powers of attraction are practically limitless. Its highly attractive price, top-level off-road abilities, robustness and design leave no-one indifferent. Read on to find out more about a revolutionary model that has carved out a special place in the wide world of SUVs.

Marketing an SUV at the price of a city car was a bold move. When Dacia made that move in 2010, it hit on a major success. The theme of affordability was the focus of the Duster ad, in which a somewhat caricatural couple ask about the price of Duster after test driving it.

When told that prices start at €11,900, the customer is offended: "You don't think we're going to spend so little?" The Dacia Duster phenomenon was born.

The model sold over 450,000 in three years. Building on that success, the brand launched a restyled Duster in 2013 that met with the same enthusiasm, the car's now enviable popularity being expressed from 2016 on in the advertising slogan, "Another one drives a Duster".

Duster's price was clearly important at a time of economic crisis, but the car's success cannot be reduced to its attractive price alone. The model's intrinsic all-terrain qualities have also contributed largely to its success. The car's design leaves no room for doubt as to its SUV nature. Without being over the top, the styling is that of a true 4WD model. The front end exudes a sense of robustness. The wide, curvaceous wings, double light units and protective bumper clearly express the car's SUV DNA. The raised ground clearance, large wheels (16") and multiple protective features invite drivers to venture out on the toughest roads and tracks.

The model has sold over 450,000 in its first three years and a restyled Duster was launched in 2013

The interior is equally outstanding, with a modern, functional and modular cabin. And the impertinence of Dacia's SUV does not stop there, as it features C-segment equipment at B-segment prices.

With the launch of Duster, Dacia confirmed its boldness, first seen six years earlier with the release of Logan. The Dacia brand became a benchmark in new approaches to automotive consumption.

It shook up established cues once again with the launch of Duster, a true, roomy and versatile SUV for the price of a compact car.

As with all Dacia models, Duster targets customers looking to buy a fairly-priced car, an affordable vehicle with the equipment responding to their needs. In addition to its affordability, the brand moved into a new territory: the SUV market. This served to win over new customers looking for a car with real all-terrain abilities. These new customers include first-time buyers and those who would otherwise have bought a used car. With a new market and new customer base, the Dacia brand is perpetuating its success and even bringing together its own community. The Dacia community organises picnics that every year draw thousands of people in many of the brand's countries. Dacia customers are true fans, highly active in the social networks. More than simple customers, they are the brand's best ambassadors.

Duster was created in response to an observation: a need exists worldwide for roomy, robust and affordable 4x4 cars. But at the time that need was mostly unfulfilled. Which is why Dacia came up with a world first and developed an SUV primarily targeting developing markets.

The needs of European motorists were also taken into account from the start of the project. In Europe, Dacia's success demonstrates customers are looking for modern, reliable and affordable cars. But as a whole, the 4x4 offer, though broad, is more about ostentatious and expensive models – often not adapted to off-road use – rather than functional and affordable all-terrain vehicles.

The Duster story continued with the reveal of the new Duster at the Frankfurt Motor Show this week.

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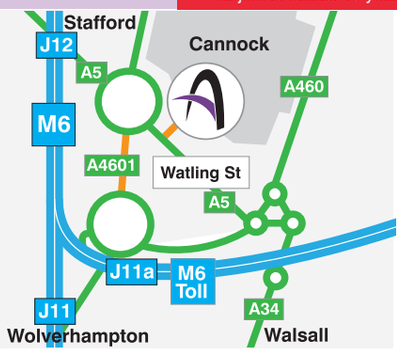

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Today's version looks fresh and arrestingly handsome and dripping with styling clues stretching back to the 1960s

Trip to remember in a real stallion

By Ian Donaldson

We know other countries by a cartload of cliches – so Americans are loud, probably flamboyantly dressed and certainly a little on the large side.

If that's true about its people (some of the time anyway), the cars from the other side of the pond certainly share those traits. And not always in a bad way.

Which brings us neatly to the car on test today, the latest version of a true American icon and only now available in this sixth generation form with right hand drive.

Ford's Mustang shook up the car world in 1965 by combining a big engine, handsome lines and a relatively modest price in a way that had never been attempted before.

It succeeded beyond the wildest dreams of its creators and stands here today looking fresh and arrestingly handsome and dripping with styling clues stretching back to that game changing original.

The big engine is still there, with more than 400 horses from a rumbling V8 that stays docile as a purring tiger until you poke it with a sharp stick, when it heads for the horizon with the sort of conviction only an excess of power can provide.

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For £4,350 less you can take an alternative route to modern-day Mustang heaven with a 2.3 litre EcoBoost engine with four cylinders and 313bhp; actually still quick (145mph and 5.8sec to 62mph) but missing a chunk of Mustang authenticity.

You'll also miss the noise of that big V8 bursting into life in the morning, a pulse so smile raising it ought to be available on prescription. You'll save some fuel going the smaller engined way, but if you want economy, buy a Prius, I'd say.

So, this new 'stang is powerful and handsome. It is also big; what's more of a surprise is the modesty of the price Ford is asking for its icon.

You can have a 5.0 litre version on your drive for £38,095, handily below the forty grand line that tips you into extra road tax territory, although that big, thirsty engine's tailpipe emissions mean a hefty £2,000 first year rate.

Comfortable front seats and enough room for growing teenagers

The interior looks neat and tidy with everything where it ought to be

Console yourself with the knowledge that a properly big-engined Mustang is the least expensive way to this amount of V8 power you can buy new today. Almost a bargain, then.

A well equipped bargain too, with superbly comfortable front seats (and enough room in the rear for growing teenagers), dual zone air con, rear view camera, expensive Brembo front brakes, limited slip differential and big 19ins alloy wheels.

You'll pay extra for sat nav (£795) but it's a fine offering and comes with an uprated sound system whose bass will try to bend the doors outwards.

There's a poor three star safety rating, albeit an improvement on the feeble two stars gained in the original test in the absence of now standard safety systems. The interior looks neat and tidy with everything where it ought to be but with enough hard surfaces to push home the truth that American buyers put value over perceived quality, most of the time.

Still, find a decently smooth road with open bends and give the Mustang the beans and you won't care.

Quickly, its width becomes no problem at all and the mixture of fine steering and feelsome brakes make the drive a journey to remember.

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Cat that's got a lot of go in its tank

By Sharon Walters

That can't be right, I thought, as I stopped for coffee almost 200 miles into a long journey.

The fuel gauge had barely moved and the on-board computer said . . . that I still had a range of more than 500 miles. If I could have tapped the gauge (remember when you could do that to wake it up?) I would have.

By the end of my journey, a total of 408 miles, I had not run out of fuel and the gauge was spot on in accuracy. And that's all down to the Wolverhampton-built simply superb Ingenium diesel sitting under the bonnet of my test car – the Jaguar XF R-Sport. It was the 2.0 i4 180PS version and if you need an executive car and have to pay for your fuel, this could be the one for you.

Apparently, according to official figures, the 66-litre tank will do 954 on a combined cycle. Now sorry Jaguar but that is a little far-fetched – yes I imagine it is possible but the drive would be so, so boring.

However I was very pleased with my fuel returns for such a substantial car over a very busy week's driving on all types of roads. Add CO2 emissions of 114 g/km and the lure of this big cat makes it very attractive.

It's a spacious car but as a driver you feel cocooned in the cockpit. Snug in very comfortable and supportive seats that you can adjust to the perfect driving position for you.

Finish is high quality, as you would expect, and all instrumentation is well-laid out and intuitive to use, especially the infotainment system with easy to see icons and also easy to use even when on the move.

Climate and temperature controls are also easy to operate and a proper size.

There are four trim levels to choose from – Prestige, R-sport, Portfolio or the range-topping S. The first three are available with either a 163PS or 180PS 2.0 litre Ingenium diesel engine with the option of AWD and Jaguar's faultlessly smooth 8-speed auto box is also available.

The S model is available with either a 300PS V6 diesel or the 380PS V6 petrol.

Prices start at £32,300 on-the-road for the XF 2.0d 163PS Prestige and top out at £49,950 for the sumptuous 3.0i V6 S/C 380 PS S Auto.

Standard equipment is comprehensive including Satellite Navigation, cruise-control with speed limiter (very useful on motorways when the XF can carry you away a little), auto lights and wipers, dual-zone climate control and heated front seats.

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Plus all trims get Jaguar Drive Control which offers a choice of four driving modes – Standard, Eco, Dynamic or Snow – via the touch of a button just below the rotary gear-selector.

Standard is perfect for motorways and dynamic was a dream through the lanes and over long winding roads over moors.

Snow didn't arrive during my week and I am afraid I enjoyed the drive too much to opt for eco.

My car had the option of Jet/Redzone leather, at no extra cost, which was classy and with the Italian Red paintwork option at £690, made a stylish package.

And what a stylish package it is from the outside with its sporting saloon looks. There's the wide open front grille, a raked roof line and gentle side skirts.

At launch Jaguar's director of design, Ian Callum, said: "I believe the all-new XF is the best-looking car in its class. Elegant, handsome and with proportions that imbue a great sense of integrity – the all-new XF is true to the great tradition of sporting Jaguar saloons while being completely of its time."

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KIMBER

Walter

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Funeral Service to take place at Stafford Crematorium, on Tuesday, September 19, at 12.30pm.

Family flowers only please.

Donations for St Giles Hospice, will be gratefully accepted.

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OWEN

John Anthony

(Tony)

Sadly passed away on Friday, August 18, 2017, aged 76 years.

The Funeral Service will take place at Wesley Methodist Church, Great Wyrley, on Friday, September 29, at 10am, followed by the Committal at Streetly Crematoirum.

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John Pryce

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The Funeral Service will take place on September 18, 2017, at Streetly Crematorium, West Chapel at 12.45pm.

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ROBY

Joyce

Passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 2, 2017, aged 85 years.

Joyce was much loved and will be missed dearly by all of her Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017, at St Mark's Church, Great Wyrley at 2pm, followed by a Committal Service at Stafford Crematorium.

Joyce's Family have expressed a wish for those attending the Funeral to not wear full Funeral attire.

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TOOTH

Celia

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A loving Wife to David and Mother to Richard.

She will be sadly missed.

Her Funeral Service will take place on Friday, September 15, at St. Augustine's Church, Rugeley, at 10am, followed by the Committal at Stafford Crematorium, at 11.20am.

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Any donations kindly received will be given to The British Heart Foundation.

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Annie Theresa

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PALMER

Irene

Irene's Family would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and Funeral attendance.

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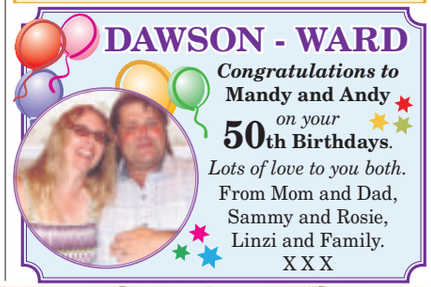

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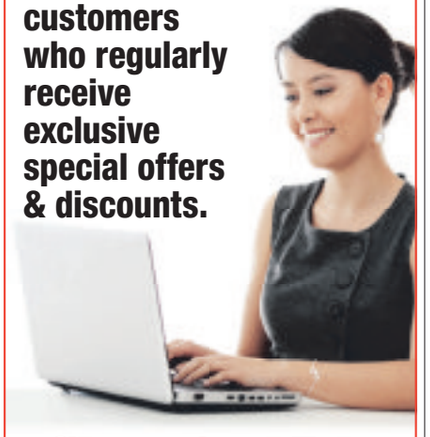

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(b) the entry slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the M6 at Junction 12.

The work will be carried out overnight between 22:00 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Monday 25 September 2017 and continue for 1 night. The Order will come into force on Monday 18 September 2017.

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Karen Eustace, an Officer in Highways England Company Limited.

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ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
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24 September 2017 from 07:30 hours to 18:00 hours and 1 October 2017 from 07:30 hours to 18:00 hours.

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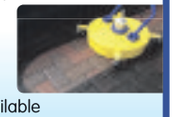

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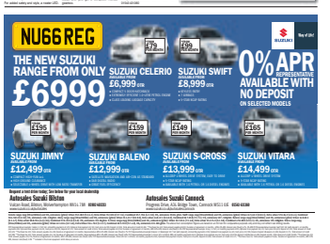

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Mr Watson, who is also the party's shadow minister for digital, culture media and sport, said a Labour government would encourage the Football Association to implement its own ban but was prepared to legislate if necessary.

"Football has to play its part in tackling Britain's hidden epidemic of gambling addiction," he said. "Shirt sponsorship sends out a message that football clubs don't take problem gambling among their own fans seriously enough. It puts gambling brands in front of fans of all ages, not just at matches but on broadcasts and highlights packages on both commercial television and the BBC."

Retiring Motty set for date at Banks's

JOHN Motson's retirement season will take in an after-dinner date at Walsall Football Club.

The legendary commentator hangs up his mic at the end of the season after 50 years in the game. Before then, the 72-year-old will use his famous tones at the Banks's Stadium's WFC The Venue on Thursday November 16. Motson began his career with the corporation in 1968, initially as a presenter on Radio 2. Three years later, he joined the Match of the Day team and remained there ever since.

He will have completed his 47th season when he finally hangs up the headset, having commentated on more than 1,500 games for television and radio. He has also covered European Championships and World Cups for the channel, the Euro 2008 final being his last live broadcast.

Tickets to see him in Walsall are on sale at £39.50 or £350 for a table of 10 which includes a three-course meal. Book online at www.eticketing.co.uk/walsallfc or call the box office on 01902 651 416, extension 416.

FOUR-GOAL HARVEST FOR FARMER

The Kick-off

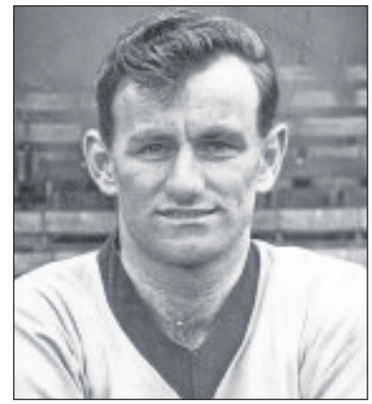
M&B EXPORT

How the Sporting Star reported the remarkable scoreline

Wolves captain Bill Slater holds the FA Cup aloft in 1960

Gr-eight way to kick off season as Wolves excel

Ted Farmer scoring after just two minutes against Manchester City


Striker Jimmy Murray, who got two goals himself

OPTIMISM, enthusiasm and excitement are the emotions all football fans deserve to feel at the start of a new season.

But you can't help but feel that positivity is in short supply for supporters of Yeovil after they saw their team thrashed 8-2 by Luton in their first game on August 5.

The Hatters ran riot on the opening day to send a message to their League Two rivals, and they are now in contention with the top teams of the division.

But they are not the only side to kick off a new campaign in such convincing fashion, as Wolves fans can testify.

It was back on August 18, 1962, that the Molineux men began their season in similar style with victory over Manchester City.

Eager to make up for a disappointing 18th-placed finish in the First Division the previous year, Stan Cullis opted to rebuild his side with the emphasis on youth. Youngsters Fred Goodwin and David Woodfield were handed their debuts for what marked Ron Flowers' first game as Wolves' captain.

SPORTING FEATURE

By Joseph Masi

And while it was a day where everybody shone, it was Ted Farmer who grabbed the headlines after he notched four stunning goals.

It took the striker just two minutes to break the deadlock – Farmer latching on to Flowers' throw-in before calmly slotting the ball past the keeper.

Jimmy Murray tapped in for a second when he connected with Alan Hinton's low ball into the box. But it then looked like City would make a fight of it when Wolves' George Showell inadvertently diverted the ball into his own net. Wolves moved to quickly to deny the visitors hopes of a fightback when Farmer again found the target with a crisp finish just before half-time.

But immediately after the interval, Cullis's side took charge with Wolves grabbing three goals between the 47th and 51st minute.

The first arrived when Terry Wharton drove home from close range. Farmer then sealed his hat-trick with another impressive finish.

The forward then grabbed an assist, which was no doubt just called 'a pass' in those days, when he teed up Hinton for a simple close range finish. From this point, a City side with no answers saw Wolves take complete control.

They made it seven when Farmer sent Hinton away down the wing with his cross then being met by Murray for his second of the game.

Then with 10 minutes to go, Farmer completed the rout with yet another neat finish. Wolves season saw them finish in fifth place, with Everton champions.

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Flashback: Wolves' Farmer ploughs through defence

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Askey king of the road once more

CANNOCK cyclist Lewis Askey powered his way to another road race title at the School Games National Finals at Loughborough University.

Askey, aged 16, won the road race last year and successfully defended his title at the four-day competition.

Proud mother Michelle believes the Erasmus Darwin Academy A-Level student is the first competitor to have won retained the title.

Lewis Askey

Askey also recorded his best finish of first in one of the scratch race heats, a team event, and finished fourth, riding with the West Midlands, in 50m sprint.

Each rider had three trials each, with Askey's completing the final round in 5.383 seconds.

He said: "It was an average day for me; I'm happyish with the result but I think I could have done better. I'm not really built as a sprinter so I was quite happy with fourth in a 50 metre sprint.

"I was in second for the last couple of rounds but got pushed down to fourth with the last few attempts."

The scratch race and road race were the highlights of the cycling competition, but an innovative Team Time Trial using Zwift was a key talking point. Zwift, a piece of software that allows riders from all over the world to compete on a static cycle trainer, was being used at the School Games for the first time.

Scholars end hosts' 100pc league start with deserved draw

Basford 1 Chasetown 1

CHASETOWN brought Basford's 100 per cent league start to an end with a deserved draw in north Staffordshire.

Basford were denied by a Curtis Pond save onto the post before striker Ben Hutchinson scrambled home from a corner to put the hosts ahead.

On the stroke of half-time Chasetown deservedly levelled with a long-range effort from Will Whieldon which flew in off the bar.

Belper Town 1 Chasetown 2

Chasetown came from behind to win away for the first time this season in Evo-Stik League Division One South.

The hosts took the lead when Chris Budry had a free header from a corner. Chasetown levelled in the 19th minute through Muzzy Nduna.

The Scholars' winner came five minutes into the second half, George Cater diverting the ball past Danny Roberts from six yards.

● Heath Hayes progressed in the FA Vase with an impressive 5-2 victory at Coton Green. Special mention to keeper Mark Wiggins for some top drawer saves.

Athletes run out from cricket club base

Rugeley runners meet at the cricket club

RUGELEY Cricket Club has welcomed new runners – from the town's athletics club.

The running club has outgrown its leisure centre meeting place, boasting more than 120 members and has joined forces with the cricket club, meeting there for the first time last week.

Kevin Ball, from Rugeley Running Club, said the cricket club, which has been in existence since 1857, was ideally situated for Rugeley Runners to continue utilising the tracks and trails of Cannock Chase to train. It would also mean the cricket club using rent from the runners towards refurbishment of the clubhouse.

Kevin said: "Our primary aim is get people running and healthier. A large number of runners have come to us through the 10 week beginners courses which we have organised and will hopefully be repeating in January 2018."

To join, visit http://www.rugeleyrunners.org.uk/ or see Facebook and Twitter. The only criteria is to be able to run at least miles continuously. Or lookout for next beginners course.

DUO ARE BACK WITH A BANG

Hednesford Town 3 Sutton Coldfield 0

ROB Smith and Larry Chambers began their second spell at Hednesford Town with a comfortable win over Sutton Coldfield Town at Keys Park.

After an even opening to this Evo-Stik Premier fixture, the Pitmen broke the deadlock in the 14th minute when Danny Glover played in Luke Rodgers, who drove forward before firing home via the post.

Rodgers almost returned the favour to Glover in the 20th minute when he played the ball in to the striker, but just as he was about to shoot he was crowded out. The lead would be doubled in the 23rd minute though, when James Lawrie did well to set up Glover and the striker fired the ball into the net from 12 yards.

Sutton's Gurjit Singh broke forward on the half-hour-mark, but saw his effort easily saved by Hednesford goalkeeper James Wren.

Awkward

In the 37th minute, James Lawrie saw a strong shot blocked away for a corner and five minutes later Wren was called into action to make a smart save from a long-range effort by Brian Smikle.

Hednesford almost added a third goal in the 55th minute when Tom Thorley lined up a free-kick, which was just tipped wide at the near post despite an awkward bounce.

Ten minutes from time, Ben Bailey was inches away from increasing the lead as he just missed Jordan Fitzpatrick's deep free-kick.

But the home side finally added a third goal four minutes from full-time when Jordan Nadat picked out Thorley and he firde the ball into the back of the net from six yards out.

Hednesford: Wren, Lyttle, Ballinger, Bailey, Oji, Fitzpatrick, Lawrie (Levingston 71), Thorley, Glover, Rodgers (Nadat 46), Martin (Steele 76).

Sutton: Springthorpe, Smikle, Kelly (Mason 46), Birch, Morrison-Derbyshire, Barnes, Zazi, Webb, Tudgay, Singh (Lavell-Moore 70), Moseley.

Attendance: 410

● Hednesford visit Workington AFC on Saturday (3pm kick-off).

Hosts nick it by solitary point

Burntwood survived a tough examination to begin their league campaign with a win

Burntwood 21 Uttoxeter 20
Midlands 3 West North

DESPITE several enforced changes to their line-up, Burntwood survived a tough examination to begin their league campaign with a win.

Uttoxeter improved greatly during the course of last season and looked to have maintained this trend as they dominated the first half of the match. However, the home defence withstood most of the pressure to keep themselves in the game at 10-6 down.

The result was in doubt right up to the final whistle with both sides having scored two tries apiece but some miss-placed kicks by the visitors saw the hosts edge home by a solitary point. The 2nd XV found Longton 2nd team's back division too strong and the colts went down 37-22 to Pinley.

Rain ruins top of the table clash

Pelsall 1st XI vs Cannock 1st XI

IT was a top of the table clash at Pelsall with Cannock winning the toss and electing to field first. After the home side got off to a good start, Matt Robinson took 6-47 to restrict them to 232 all out.

Cannock got off to a flyer in reply and were 48-1 after 10 overs before torrential rain forced the game to be abandoned.

Cannock 2nd XI vs Pelsall 2nd XI

Excellent knocks from 16-year-old Jamie Hill (47) and 17-year-old James Boden (32) helped Cannock to 170 for 7 after being asked to bat first at Chase Park. Pelsall made 15-3 before rain meant the match had to be called off.

In the League 20/20 final the following day, Pelsall 2nd XI beat Cannock 2nd XI with more than five overs to spare for the loss of just one wicket.

Cannock 3rd XI vs Beacon 3rd XI

A depleted Cannock side were asked to bat first and could only make 109 all out. The visitors managed to seal a thrilling win by 26 runs.

Elsewhere in the Staffs Clubs League, Hammerwich were 52-1 off 11 overs in reply to Rugeley's 223-7 before the game was abandoned.

Daniel Wilks top-scored with 68 as Whittington, chasing 150, beat Swindon by four wickets. Armitage were all out for 69 against Bloxwich seconds, but again the weather intervened.

● Smethwick clinched the Birmingham & District League Division 1 title and promotion to the Premier Division with a four-wicket win at Wellington.

Local derby sees Cannock triumph

Cannock M1s 5 Lichfield M1s 2

AS far as pre-season games go, a local derby is never a friendly, and the hockey was played here with the knowledge that bragging rights were at stake.

Cannock started brightly and soon got on top of their Staffordshire opposition.

Lichfield got back into the game but then Cannock moved up a gear to seal their victory.

Cannock Men's 2/3s 2 Lichfield 5

Cannock started well despite beginning the game with only 10 players but they will need to maintain their composure for longer spells if they are to be successful this year.

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